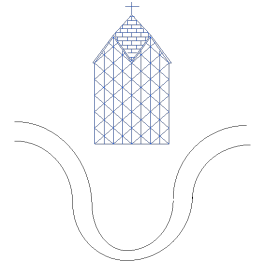


St Paul with St Luke C of E Primary School

Accessibility Plan

2015-2016



Introduction

This plan is drawn up in accordance with the planning duty in the Disability Discrimination Act 2005. It draws on the guidance set out in "Accessible Schools: Planning to increase access to schools for disabled pupils", issued by DfES in July 2002.

Definition of Disability

Disability is defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 (DDA):

"A person has a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities."

Key Objective

To reduce and, where possible, eliminate barriers to accessing the curriculum and to full participation in St Paul with St Luke.

Principles

Compliance with the DDA is consistent with St Paul With St Luke School's aims and equal opportunities policy, and the operation of St Paul with St Luke School's SEN policy. St Paul with St Luke School recognises its duty under the DDA :

- not to discriminate against disabled pupils in their admissions and exclusions, and provision of education and associated services;
- not to treat disabled pupils less favourably;
- to take reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled pupils at a substantial disadvantage;
- to publish an Accessibility Plan.

In performing their duties, governors and staff will have regard DDA .

St Paul with St Luke Primary School recognises and values parents' knowledge of their child's disability and its effect on his/her ability to carry out normal activities, and respects the parents' and child's right to confidentiality.

St Paul with St Luke School provides all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum, differentiated and adjusted to meet the needs of individual pupils and their preferred learning styles; and endorses the key principles in the National Curriculum 2015 framework, which underpin the development of a more inclusive curriculum:

- setting suitable learning challenges;
- responding to pupils' diverse learning needs;
- overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups of pupils.

Activity

a) Education & related activities

St Paul with St Luke will continue to seek and follow the advice of LA services, such as specialist teacher advisers and SEN inspectors/advisers, and of appropriate health professionals from the local NHS Trusts.

b) Physical environment

St Paul with St Luke School will take account of the needs of pupils and visitors with physical difficulties and sensory impairments when planning and undertaking future improvements and refurbishment of the site and premises.

c) Provision of information

St Paul with St Luke School will make itself aware of local services, including those provided through the LA, for providing information in alternative formats when required or requested.

Linked Policies

This Plan will contribute to the review and revision of related school policies, e.g.

- Disability Equality Action Plan
- Disability Equality Scheme
- SEND policy
- Teaching and Learning Policy.

