

Assessibility Plan

For review by: Assistant Principal

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Learning and Progress for all, regardless of need and supporting everyone.

At SBL Academy our aim is for all learners to access a broad and balanced curriculum in a safe learning environment and there will be clarity of provision for them. All learners are valued and every child matters.

Our school aims to treat all its students fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all students without discrimination of any kind.

Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. The purpose of the plan is to:

- Increase the extent to which disabled students can participate in the curriculum
- Improve the physical environment of the school to enable disabled students to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided
- Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled students

Our school is also committed to ensuring staff are trained in equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010, including understanding disability issues.

The school supports any available partnerships to develop and implement the plan.

Our school's complaints procedure covers the accessibility plan. If you have any concerns relating to accessibility in school, this procedure sets out the process for raising these concerns.

We have included a range of stakeholders in the development of this accessibility plan, including students, parents, staff and the local governing body.

The plan will be made available online on the school website, and paper copies are available upon request.

2. Legislation and guidance

This plan has been created to meet the requirements of <u>schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010</u> and the Department for Education (DfE) <u>guidance for schools on the Equality Act 2010</u>.

The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'longterm' adverse effect on his or her ability to undertake normal day to day activities.

Under the <u>Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice</u>, 'long-term' is defined as 'a year or more' and 'substantial' is defined as 'more than minor or trivial'. The definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and longterm health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer.

Schools are required to make 'reasonable adjustments' for students with disabilities under the Equality Act 2010, to alleviate any substantial disadvantage that a disabled Student faces in comparison with non-disabled students. This can include, for example, the provision of an auxiliary aid or adjustments to premises.

3. Links with other policies

This accessibility plan is linked to the following policies and documents:

- Attendance policy Admissions policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- South Gloucestershire local offer
- Child-protection and safeguarding children policy
- Equality objectives
- Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) offer
- WMAT inclusion policy

4. Action Plan

This action plan sets out the aims of out accessibility plan in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

Aim	Current good practice Include established practice and practice under development	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by	Success criteria
Increase access to the curriculum for students with a disability	Our school offers a differentiated curriculum for all students and aspires to high quality teaching and learning. We use resources tailored to the needs of students who	Schemes of Learning to be regularly reviewed and Curriculum Team Improvement plans to take in to account the needs of learners with additional needs.	SWH / KDE Curriculum Team Leaders	Throughout the academic year 2018-20 with a review during June / July 2019.	There will be evidence of excellent differentiation in all lessons, including high quality resources that all students are able to access.

require support to access the curriculum. Learners with moderate Schemes of Learning will be or specific We offer an suitably differentiated through learning difficulties will Alternative Provision to some the use of dyslexia friendly have resources tailored KS4 Students to assist with resources, pre and post to their individual accessing the full KS4 teaching materials and by needs. Curriculum as well as taking into account the needs equipping them with of all students so that they have Learning with sensory essential life skills as well as the literacy and numeracy skills literacy and numeracy impairments will have available to access all areas of resources tailored to support. learning. their needs, in Individual Learning Plans are consultation with the shared with all staff so that sensory impairment they are able to make service. adjustments to meet students' needs. The schemes of learning are quality assured and then reviewed via student voice. All teaching staff use SISRA to measure the progress of all students and groups of Progress is tracked for all students and we have students in their teaching groups. Curriculum Directors systems in place which allow have an overview of the us to measure the achievement of different progress of different groups of groups of students with a students in their curriculum area and use the data to ensure variety of different needs. that all students are making at least good progress in their subject, regardless of need or disability. SENCO measures the progress Students with learning of students on SEN/D Support needs are given

	Targets are set for all students and these are appropriately challenging but also carefully scaffolded so that students are given frequent opportunities to exceed expectations. The curriculum is reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of all students.	There is a review of Year 9 Options to ensure that all learners get the support and intervention required for them to make at least good progress.		Curriculum team meetings SEN/D meetings Parents evening and reviews throughout the academic year. Term 6, Term 1 and then throughout the school year, depending on need and subject requirements.	appropriate support so that they then make progress in line with targets and age related expectations. Parents feel confident about the type of provision that is put in place for their children and they are involved in planning and supporting their child's progress. This is measured through parent voice. All learners are have a curriculum that is designed to ensure that their needs are met and that they are given the opportunities to make progress. The success of this is measured through student voice.
Improve and maintain access to the physical environment	Whilst there is not wheelchair access for the majority of the school site, appropriate adjustments are made in the event of students acquiring short term physical disabilities. Students with short term physical disabilities are be given extra time to commute across the	Where necessary, the Occupational Therapy Team are engaged to advise and support students with physical needs. New and recent buildings have appropriate wheelchair access (such as the sports centre and main school building.)	House Team, DHOH.	When necessary	A safety plan and risk assessment is carried out to ensure that there is appropriate short term provision in place for students with temporary physical needs.

	school site. Where necessary,			
	lessons are re-timetabled to			
	ensure that they take place in			
	more accessible, ground level			
	areas of the school.			
Improve the delivery of	Our school uses a range of	Curriculum	Reviewed	All resources and school
information to	communication methods to	Leaders, SCo,	throughout the	signage is accessible to
students with a disability	ensure information is	Site staff,	school year.	all students. Where this
,	accessible. This includes:	Teaching		is not the case,
	 Internal signage 	Staff		appropriate structures
	 Large print resources 			are put into lessons
	Dyslexia friendly			(such as the use of
	resources Schemes of			keywords) in order to
	Learning and resources take			ensure that students are
	into account the needs of			not disadvantaged when
	students with Visual			accessing learning.
	Impairments.			
	There is regular			
	communication with staff to			
	ensure that they know which			
	students have SEN/D and that			
	they are able to plan and			
	deliver suitable adjustments			
	as well as differentiate for			
	their needs.			

5. Monitoring arrangements

This document will be reviewed every **3** years, but may be evaluated and updated more frequently if necessary.

It will be approved by the Local Governing Body and the Principal.

Feature	Description	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by
Number of storeys	There is one building with two storeys (Galileo area only with stair access only). All other buildings are single storey. The sports hall is a two storey building with a wheelchair accessible lift.		N/a	N/a
Corridor access	The main buildings are accessible from the main entrance.	N/a	N/a	N/a
Lifts	There is only one lift in the sports centre.	N/a	N/a	N/a
Parking bays	We have 3 x disabled spaces at the front of the school.	N/a	N/a	N/a

Entrances	We have one main entrance on North Street which leads to the Sports Centre main building and disabled parking.	N/a	N/a	N/a
Toilets Sports Centre	Disabled toilets x 3 on the ground floor and x2 on the first floor.	N/a	N/a	N/a
Toilets Main Building Reception area	There is a ambulant toilet cubicle on the ground floor near reception.	There are currently plans being worked on to convert two female and one male student toilet blocks to unisex cubicle's which will include ambulant cubicle's as per part M of the building regulations.	N/a	31.08.19
Internal signage	As per build.			
Emergency escape routes	In the main building there is a number of emergency fire escapes from the two storey route to the ground floor. The Sports Centre also has a fire escape.	PEEP's (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan) should be put in place for Employee's, Students and Visitors who would require assistance reference quick evacuation in an emergency situation. Daily access and egress in not included		