



Colerne Church of England VC Primary School Accessibility Plan

3-year period covered by the plan : 2023-2026

Aims

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

Colerne Church of England Primary School has high ambitions for its disabled pupils and expects them to participate and achieve in every aspect of school life. We have a caring, supportive ethos that seeks to value all individuals and treat them fairly and with respect. Our school promotes equality of opportunity for disabled people : pupils, staff, parents, carers and others who use the school.

By promoting a positive attitude towards disabled people we aim to eliminate discrimination and harassment related to disability and thereby fulfil an essential component of our ethos.

We are committed to providing an environment that enables full curriculum access that values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs.

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

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

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.

Legislation and Guidance

This document meets the requirements of schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010 and the Department for Education (DfE) guidance for schools on the Equality Act 2010.

The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled 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 undertake normal day to day activities.

Under the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice, '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 long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer.

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

It is a requirement that the school's accessibility plan is resourced, implemented and reviewed and revised as necessary.

The Accessibility Plan shows how access is to be improved for disabled children, staff and visitors to the school within a given timeframe and anticipating the need to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate their needs where practical.

Attached is a set of actions showing how the school will address the priorities identified in the plan.

Information from Pupil Data and School Audit

Colerne Church of England Primary School is a one and a half form entry school, spanning Nursery to Year 6. Initial information to establish the profile of the pupils in Pre-School and their needs is gathered by school staff. The information is collated prior to starting school by:

- Parent meetings.
- Induction meetings
- Information gathered from previous settings and providers

Information Gathering in relation to the Recruitment, Development and Retention of Disabled Employees

Colerne Church of England Primary School follows local authority guidance on the collecting of information on disabled employees and the recruitment of new staff. This information will be available on the local authority school staffing database. It will be analysed by our school to show where disabled staff are deployed across the school. Other areas of analysis will cover: seniority, TLR payments, permanency of staff, CPD, disciplinary and capability proceedings, harassment and bullying, sickness and those leaving the profession early. Those staff who voluntarily provide information will be assured that it is used confidentially to inform working practice and conditions.

All staff will be supported by the Local Authority agreed policies on sickness and returning to work. Our school would seek to contact the 'Access to work' scheme to explore possible support to staff if required during their employment.

Development of the Plan

The needs of all pupils and staff, including disabled pupils, are considered when planning and delivering all aspects of the curriculum. It is the responsibility of the three phase leaders to lead their teams and ensure that teaching matches the learning needs of all children. Each teacher is aware of the individual needs of all of the pupils. This informs the;

- Physical environment
- Curriculum provision
- And the written information shared.

Views of the parents and carers are gathered at the beginning of the year and there are regular occasions throughout the year where details can be updated. Data is stored centrally by the SENCo on each child to inform the accessibility requirements of the school.

Where we have disabled staff, parents and service providers we will provide a response to suggestions on how we can improve our disability scheme and its priorities. This would inform considerations that may be required to make reasonable adjustments

The Main Priorities in the School's Plan

1. Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum

The needs of all of the pupils of the school are considered when planning the school curriculum. It is the responsibility of each class teacher to ensure that the needs of all of the pupils are met.

In order to ensure that all children are catered for the SEN lead works closely with the Headteacher and Key Stage Leaders.

A detailed target setting system for all of the children with special needs has been used. This highlights the specific needs of each child including those with disabilities and targets their curriculum provision.

Where necessary, outside agencies are contacted for specialist support, e.g. Autism Outreach Team, Physiotherapists, Play Therapy, Sand Therapy, Support for Behaviour Management, Support from the Educational Psychologist.

All classrooms are able to access the outdoor environment through either exits in their classroom or the main central exits, which have wheelchair access.

2. Improving the physical environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services:

- ✓ Colerne Church of England Primary School is, for the most part, a single level building with double doors in all main areas. There is disabled access from either the central areas or each classroom to the outside footpaths and yard area.
- ✓ The top floor of KS1 holds the conference room and Library. There is no access for wheelchairs to this part of the school. However, all efforts would be made to bring the library to the student.
- ✓ The main doors operate on a mechanised system, leading to a secure lobby and the hatch is at a suitable level.
- ✓ There is one designated disabled toilet.
- ✓ On site car parking for visitors includes a disabled parking bay.
- ✓ The school has internal emergency signage and escape routes which are clearly marked.

3. Improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information that is provided in writing for pupils who are not disabled:

- ✓ All information shared takes account of the needs of the pupils. Advice is sought from specialist agencies e.g. Hearing Impairment Agency with regards to specific needs, when they arise e.g. large print needed or use of a hearing aid.
- ✓ The views of the parents/pupils and staff are taken account of on a regular basis, this informs the way that written information is delivered.
- ✓ Preferences of parents will be taken account of.

Making it happen - Management, coordination and implementation

- ✓ Colerne Church of England Primary Senior Management Team e.g. Headteacher, Deputy Headteacher and Governors will ensure that the 2023-26 Accessibility Plan is managed and implemented.
1. Increasing the accessibility of written information
 2. Increasing the accessibility of the physical environment
 3. Increasing the access ability of the curriculum

The Accessibility Plan will also coincide with the School Development Plan and the School Self Evaluation Plan and Strategic Overview.

The School Accessibility Plan will be shared and coordinated with other services and agencies e.g.

- ✓ With the LA's accessibility strategy
- ✓ Social services
- ✓ Health agencies, particularly in respect of meeting the health needs of the disabled pupils in school.

We will consult with experts when new situations regarding children with disabilities are experienced. The Governors and Senior Leadership Team will work closely with the Local Authority.

The attached action plans set out the priorities set by the school to improve accessibility of Colerne Church of England Primary School under the headings of

- ✓ Increasing accessibility to written information
- ✓ Increasing accessibility to the curriculum
- ✓ Increasing accessibility to the physical environment.

Monitoring arrangements

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

Links with other policies

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

- Risk Assessment Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Equality Information and Objectives (public sector equality duty) statement for publication
- Special Educational Needs (SEN) Information Report
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy
- Curriculum Policy
- Special Educational Needs Policy

**Accessibility Plan
& Disability Equality Scheme Activities**

School: Colerne Church of England Primary School

Date: 2023- 2026

Target	Outcome	Timescale	Resources	Person responsible	Monitoring and Evidence
1. Leading and monitoring the disability equality scheme					
Review all school policies, procedures and plans to ensure that our vision and value statements are explicit within them	All aspects of school life promote equality of opportunity for all pupils	Annual review of policies	Staff meetings Governing Body meetings	Head Teacher Governing Body staff	Governor minutes
Review and update school accessibility plan	School is accessible to all pupils	Every 3 years	Staff meetings Management meetings	Head Teacher SEN coordinator Governing Body staff	Governor minutes
Create an accurate database of pupils, staff and parents / carers with identified disabilities	Up to date database of needs within school	On going	Phase meeting Update SIMS Pupils' views survey	Phase Leaders Admin Team	
2. Promoting curriculum access for disabled pupils and adults					
All out of school activities are planned to ensure the participation of the whole range of pupils	All out of school activities will be conducted in an inclusive environment with providers that	ongoing	Risk assessments Pre-trip visits	Teaching Staff Head teacher	Extra-curricular Log

	comply with all current and future legislative requirements				
School visits are made accessible to all pupils irrespective of attainment and impairment	All pupils have access to all school visits	ongoing	Pre visit visits Risk assessment	Teaching staff EVC Coordinator	All children access all visits
Classrooms and other settings are optimally organised to promote the participation and independence of all pupils	Lessons start on time, without the need to make adjustments to accommodate the needs of individuals	ongoing	Visual timetables Now and next cards Review and implement a preferred layout of furniture and equipment to support the learning process in individual class bases	Teaching Staff Head teacher	Learning Walks
Training and awareness raising of disability issues for staff, governors, parents and pupils	Whole school community awareness of the issues relating to access within school	Specific training when it becomes available	Understanding of differing needs and disabilities	Head teacher	Training records Evidence of parental participation
Pupils with disabilities can access ICT equipment if appropriate	All children and adults can access the full range of ICT equipment available in school to support their learning	ongoing	Audit of need ICT equipment to meet needs Specialist support from outside agencies	Head teacher SEN Coordinator	Children have access to ICT equipment to help them with the recording of their work
3 Improving the physical environment of the school and its services					

Ensure that pupils in wheelchairs can move around the school without experiencing barriers	All children and adults in wheel chairs can access all parts of the school	Carry out audit of need, if need arises. Carry out risk assessment if need arises.	Specialist support from outside agencies Doors to and from classrooms wide enough for wheelchair access PEEP completed for pupils in wheelchairs	Head teacher SENCO	Resources Committee Health and Safety Walk rounds
Provide pathways to travel around the site. No areas in school only accessible by steps – all areas ramped	All children and adults in wheel chairs can access all parts of the school		Specialist support from outside agencies	Head teacher	Resources Committee Health and Safety Walk rounds
Ensure Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans cover pupils and adults with a disability	Staff are aware of all Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans and routes from their classrooms for vulnerable pupils	Reviewed annually	Specialist support from outside agencies Identify alternative route for evacuation from classrooms e.g. if door widths are too narrow, if fire alarm won't be heard. Fire drills to prepare for actual event at different times of the day with all staff members	Head teacher All Staff SEN coordinator Site Manager	Record of Fire drill practices Fire Evacuation Plan monitored annually or as needs change
4 Improving the quality of information for and about disabled pupils and adults					

Provide information in a range of formats, including website access	Information to be shared can be found on website and in a range of formats	ongoing	Specialist resources and support from outside agencies	Head teacher Admin Team	Feedback indicates delivery of school information to parents/ carers /school community improved
Ensure that parents/ carers who have a disability can receive information and reports by an alternative method	All parents / carers have appropriate access to the information the school shares Specific arrangements made to meet identified needs	ongoing	Specialist support from LA when needed Update Sims Seek the views of parents/ carers on preferred method of communication Ensure all information is made available in a suitable format in a reasonable time e.g translated into appropriate language, available in large print	Head teacher Admin Team	Copies of information kept on file

REVIEW HISTORY

Policy Issue	Date Policy Reviewed	Revisions Agreed	Date Revised Policy Agreed	Date of Next Review
1.0	March 2020	New Policy	March 2020	March 2023
1.1	March 2023	Updated facts from previous policy	March 2023	March 2026

SignedChair of Governors

SignedHeadteacher

Date