

Gladstone Road Primary School: Accessibility Planning 2018-20

Intent:

At Gladstone Road Primary School we are committed to providing a fully accessible environment which values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs. We recognise that inclusion is a process and not a fixed ideal, therefore we seek to ensure that we are constantly reflecting and reviewing our systems and provision so that those with additional needs are better included within our school community.

What does inclusion look like in our school?

Inclusion is not only demonstrated in performance data, but also in the ethos of our school and our relentless drive to find effective ways to support pupils who may have experienced previous difficulties. Inclusion is not about treating all pupils in the same way. Rather it involves taking account of pupils' varied life experiences and needs. We do not take educational inclusion for granted but constantly monitor and evaluate the progress each pupil makes through a variety of measures. For example by using class provision maps for any child a teacher has identified as being vulnerable, we can identify any pupils who may be missing out, difficult to engage, or feeling in some way to be apart from what the school seeks to provide. We take practical steps – in the classroom and beyond – to meet pupils' needs effectively. This may be by altering the curriculum offer for a child, providing a breakout space, meeting frequently with the family or helping with personal care and toileting needs. We believe that despite the size of our school our strength is the way in which we seek to personalise provision where needed.

Legalities:

The disability discrimination act 1995, as amended by the SEN and Disability Act 2001 (SENDA) places a legal requirement on all schools to increase accessibility for disabled pupils. It is a requirement under the equality act 2010 for schools to have an accessibility plan.

The equality act 2010 and discrimination act 1995 generally defines a disabled person as someone who has a mental or physical impairment that has substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Aims of the plan:

- Ensure equality of access to the curriculum for all pupils
- Improve and maintain access to the physical environment
- Improve the delivery of information to stakeholders

Monitoring:

Monitoring is carried out by the senior leadership team and findings are reported to governors.

The plan is available for all stakeholders and on the school website.

Aim	Current good practice	Objectives	Actions to be taken	Person	Date to	Success criteria
				responsible	complete	
Ensure equality	All teachers use class provision	All children will be	Teachers will use	SLT	July 2020	Pupils with
of access to the	maps to better understand	engaged in their	assessment to plan			additional needs
curriculum	and plan for the needs of the	learning	lessons and ensure that			will demonstrate
	children in their class.		children start a lesson			higher levels of
		All pupils will make	with something they know			confidence in
	The school employs additional	progress in their	and understand (build on			lessons.
	adults so the ratio of adults to	learning. This will be	prior knowledge).			
	children is high.	demonstrated in			July 2020	There will be
		their books and in	Teacher talk time will be			consistent
	A wide range of clubs and	data.	reduced and pupils will			strategies and
	enrichment activities are		experience a greater			approaches to
	available therefore increasing	Pupils will all	amount of active learning			meeting the needs
	cultural capital.	experience a sense	time with concrete			of all children
		of success and be	learning experiences.			throughout school.
	For children with ASD or rigid	able to articulate			July 2020	
	behaviours school is flexible	this.	Whatever their starting			All children will
	with the approach to		points, pupils will be			make measurable
	curriculum design.	Where pupils have	encouraged to articulate			progress in their
		significant needs	their targets and how to			learning.
	Simple adjustments are	they learn alongside	meet them.			
	routinely made such as	their peers for the			July 2020	All children will
	coloured paper and filters, use	majority of the day.	Parents will be aware of			show measurable
	of ICT and visual supports.		children's targets and			(case studies,
			share in children's success.			observation etc)

	Adjustments are made to support children access trips. Children with toileting needs have are well supported. Children with additional needs are included within extra- curricular activities including residential school trips.		As far as possible pupils will not be reliant on adult support to access their learning because provision meets their needs.		July 2020	levels of independence as they go through school.
To understand, acknowledge and address differences between groups of pupils in terms of achievement.	Pupils with English as an additional language (EAL) make good progress. Attainment and achievement for children in receipt of pupil premium funding are tracked carefully and a plan is in place to raise standards further. http://gladstoneroadschools.co.uk/school- info/pupil-premium-funding/	There is a greater level of understanding as to why there is such a incongruity between the frequency of girls to boys who are identified as having SEND. School leaders can say why there is possible gender inequality in SEND identification and what is being done to address the issue.	SENCo to analyse the provision mapping which is in place, make observations and research possible reasons. Once any possible patterns and reasons have been established then actions to be planned (SEND action plan) and impact measured.	SENCo	July 2020	Possible reduction in the number of boys identified as having SEND a result of improved provision or teaching and learning strategies.
Improve and maintain access	The school is accessible both entrances.	Corridors are routinely inspected				Pupils with sensory needs are calmer
to the physical		and kept clear.				and are able to
environment	Despite being an old building,					access school with
	space is well used.	Provision is in place for personal care	Funding is being sought to improve toileting facilities	LEA, Business	July 2020	minimal stress.
	Where appropriate, steps are	and toileting;	through the LEA.	manager		Pupils with toileting
	highlighted in yellow paint.	facilities are		and		and personal care
	Learing induction loops are	adequately	An audit and action plac	governors	July 2020	needs are cared for
	Hearing induction loops are	resourced.	An audit and action plan	SENCo		in clean and

	fitted for year 6 classrooms.	The needs of those with sensory needs are considered and the school is regarded as 'communication friendly'.	based on Autism friendly guidelines to be carried out.			purposeful conditions.
Improve the delivery of information to the stakeholders	The school website is up to date and effective Parents are informed using website, letters and twitter. School invests in a signing interpreter for parents with deafness in order for them to access review meetings.	To continue to develop the communication within the school; with professional community and stakeholders. To provide more effective communication for new families with no English.	Parent drop in sessions to be introduced to encourage more effective relationships between school and parents. Put together a visual pack for new families which explains essential information.	SENCo and EAL lead AH's	July 2020	There is a greater level of parental involvement in school from a cross section of the community.