Bowdon Preparatory School

Disability Access Plan 2021-2024

Disability Statement: 2021-2024

Bowdon Preparatory School acknowledge that it is subject to the Special Needs and Disability Act 201 (SENDA) and its Admissions Policy, Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy (SEND) and Equal Opportunities Policy, and clearly acknowledges its duties towards prospective pupils, staff, parents and members of the wider community who have a disability. Bowdon Preparatory School will take all reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled pupils or staff at any substantial disadvantage to others in all matters relating to admission and school life. Bowdon Preparatory School acknowledges its non-discrimination and planning duty under the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001.

Bowdon Preparatory School will treat disabled pupils as favourably as able-bodied pupils, where reasonable adjustments can be made. The school will improve access in the following ways:

- Increase access to the curriculum, including through the use of I.T.
- Monitor improvements to the physical environment to increase access
- Make written information available to pupils in a range of ways

The school has identified tasks which will improve access for disabled pupils in the document below

Targets	Tasks	Timescale	Responsibility	Monitoring	Success Criteria
ACCESS TO CURRICULUM Ensure access to computer technology appropriate for pupils with SEND	To develop prioritised purchasing list for computer technology as required for pupils with SEND: EHCP Visually Impaired pupil; following Local Authority SNICTA (Special Needs Information Computer Technology Assessment) purchase hardware, software, Microsoft license, access Clicker training for SENCO, TA and parents	January 2021- 2024 September 2021	SLT SENCO Head of Department- English IT support	Head SENCO Governors	All pupils have access to appropriate IT when relevant.

ACCESS TO CURRICULUM Reflect identified areas of need in lesson planning and delivery	Purchase and continual update of Kindle for EHCP Visually Impaired pupil in order to access Library and guided reading sessions Use of Century Artificial Intelligence online for all pupils with SEND –online access and training for all relevant staff Passwords set up for identified pupils Introduction of Century Learning to support individual plan Audit programme of staff training in disability awareness to reflect diverse needs of students within the school. EDI working group to analyse Complete Inclusion Quality Mark Purchase of resources to support teaching and learning and increase pupil engagement and	January 2022 March 2022- 2024 Audit Sept 2021- redo Sept 2022 October 2022 Spring 2023 Audit Sept 2021	SLT SENCO EDI working group C Delf	Head SENCO Governors	Gaps in learning are identified and A.I. curriculum enables gaps to be filled as part of online homework All pupils have access to the curriculum at their level. Staff feel confident about the individual needs and any barriers to learning. Staff have the relevant resources for the pupils who
	participation. INSET planned for termly input (see TEAMS) Provision map used for children on the SEND register- review annually for Governors (See TEAMS) Training of key staff by Visual Impairment team Training of key staff by Occupational Health team	Ongoing 2021- 2024 Sept 2021 Jan 2022 July 2021 Sept 2021			require them.
ACCESS TO CURRIULUM	Prioritise student participation in school activities; on site and off site on residential/day trips-specialised equipment for archery used/1:1 trainer Promote pupil awareness of the rights of the child, especially Article 23: through assembly and Current Affairs lessons	June 2021 Commence February 2022	SLT SENCO Heads of Departments	Head teacher SENCO Governors	Increased participation in school life for pupils with SEND.

	Pupils should have special care and support if they need it. Pupils have specialist PE equipment; specially sized balls, weighted equipment, good visual contrast for finishing lines/area markings Pupils have sufficient TA support during specific activities for the coming academic years, where barriers are impacting on access: gymnastics, DT	Ongoing Ongoing July 2022-24	SLT SHughes SLT		
	-timetabling considerations Ensure school activities are accessible to all pupils on site - clubs, sports fixtures,	Ongoing	Teacher in charge of club		
	Ensure off site opportunities have a preliminary visit to assess access and safety for pupils with additional needs- trips, residential, off-site fixtures	Ongoing	Teacher in charge of trip		
IMPROVEMENTS TO PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT	Advice will be taken from SENAS team, Visual Impairment team and Occupational Therapy team, as required Review of building as part of premises reviews All new buildings and significant alterations to the site must take account of the needs of SEND pupils and parents. Reasonable adjustments, such as temporary ramp to enable better access	Sept 2021-24 Sept 2021-24	SENDco Bursar/H & S officer Site Manager	Head SLT/Bursar Governors	Improve access generally around the school site.
IMPROVEMENTS TO PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT For pupils with mobility problems	Assess the pupil's individual needs. Advice from SENAS or Occupational Health Team. Reasonable adjustments have included the installation of ramps, handrails, and making timetable adjustments to move the pupil's lessons and other activities to accessible areas within the site.	Ongoing	SENCo EDI working group Bursar Site Manager	Head SLT Bursar Governors	Pupils not prevented from participating in any activity, within their means, by the physical environment of the school site.

	Desk heights checked and adjustable seating to	From Sept			
	be installed where necessary.	2021			
IMPROVEMENTS	Assess the pupil's individual needs. Advice to be	Ongoing	SENCo	Head	Visually impaired pupils able
TO PHYSICAL	taken from Visual Impairment team. Reasonable		Bursar	SLT Bursar	to move easily and safely
ENVIRONMENT	adjustments have included the installation of		Site Manager	Governors	around the site.
For visually-	larger/clearer signage, marking stairs and other				
impaired pupils	trip hazards with strong contrast coloured edges,		EDI working group		
pan ea pap	or adjusting lighting levels in classrooms and				
	other areas with extra lights or window blinds.				
ACCESS TO	Assess the pupil's individual needs. Provisions to	As required	Heads of	SENCO	Via pupil voice
WRITTEN	consider may include producing information on		Department		
INFORMATION	paper or electronically, in a size, style or colour		SENCO		
	suitable for the pupil's requirements.		EDI working group		
	Information may be read aloud to the pupil.				
ACCESS TO	Large print and audio formats as required	Minimum of	Head	Head	Information to pupils and
WRITTEN		two weeks	SLT	SLT	parents with SEND will be
INFORMATION	Use of symbol software if appropriate	before a child	IT Support	Governors	improved
Availability of		starts school	Office		
newsletters and	All staff to be made aware of SEND pupils	for children			To ensure that Bowdon
school documents		who are			preparatory School is fully
in alternative	Opportunity for access for parents to be included	identified.			inclusive of its community
format All staff to	in 'Parents' Handbook'.	As and when			and that children and parents
		appropriate			are happy with the provision.
be made aware of	All users of site to be made aware of accessibility	for other			
children or parents	plan.	documentatio			Plan kept up to date and it
with SEND, as		n, via School			reflects the particular SEND
appropriate		Office, Medical			needs within the school
		Centre and			
		through staff			

SCHOOL POLICIES Ensure all policies consider the SEND Access	Consider all policies in view of priorities; Equal opportunities and inclusion statement to show how diversity is supported Health and Safety statement noting s	meetings and Inset Monitor annually Ongoing	Head SLT-Bursar SENCO	Head Governors	Access to all aspects of school life for pupils
STRATEGIC PLANNING	Policies and documentation have a statement regarding 'ensuring all pupils have access to equal opportunities within school'	January 2022	Head SLT-Bursar SENCO	Head Governors	Statement in policies
PERSONAL EMERGENCY EVACUATION PLAN	To review PEEP for disabled pupils and ensure it is effective in action by discussing fire practice review with H & S officer- reviewed annually as part of H &S	Sept 2021- 2024	Head SLT-Bursar/H & S SENCO	Health and Safety/ Fire Officer	PEEP in place for disabled pupils and staff

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