

Eastfield Primary School - Enfield



Accessibility Policy

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This accessibility Policy has been written as a requirement under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA) that all schools should plan a strategy that allows their school to be inclusive of all pupils. This plan should be read in conjunction with the school's other policies and procedures.

Definition

A person is defined as having 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' (Disability Discrimination Act 1995) The DDA 2005 has also extended the definition of disability as follows: People with HIV, multiple sclerosis and cancer (although not all cancers) are deemed disabled before they experience the long-term and substantial adverse effect on their activities. Section 18 has been amended so that individuals with a mental illness no longer have to demonstrate that it is "clinically well-recognised", although the person must still demonstrate a long-term and substantial adverse effect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

The Aims of this plan

At Eastfield Primary we are committed to:

- Ensuring we are an inclusive school
- Removing any factors which are barriers to including pupils with a disability
- Ensuring resources enable all pupils to access the curriculum
- Staff development so that they can effectively support the needs of all pupils
- Working with parents, the wider community and multi-disciplinary teams
- Increasing access for disabled pupils to the curriculum
- Improving access to the physical environment
- Improving the delivery of written information to disabled pupils.

Access to the school

- Main entrance is accessible via sloped entrance and wide opening doors
- Disabled parking in place for Blue Badge holders
- Steps / Stair nosings are highlighted with a bright colour for visually impaired pupils
- Sloped access from Reception Classroom to playground
- Access to the Nursery is step free

Disabled toilet facilities

Disabled toilets are available in the pupils toilets, staff toilets and medical room which also has shower facilities
Nursery has a disabled toilet facilities with shower facilities

ICT

Through the school's Wifi and access to portable Lap tops and iPads all pupils can access the internet and files on the school server

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Education visits

All pupils, where reasonably possible are able to access educational visits through thorough risk assessments

A pupil may not be able to take part in a visit for the following reasons:

- There are risks that the school feels cannot be managed offsite – these will be identified in the risk assessment
- If the parent requests that their child is not to take part in the visit

Where reasonably possible, all pupils take part in extended school experiences through school journeys, after school clubs and educational visits

- The school will invite parents/carers or a responsible member of the family to accompany the visit or to be part of the after school club
- The school must provide appropriate equipment for pupils to be able to take part in after school activities e.g. larger rackets/balls – visually impaired

Access to the curriculum

All pupils have appropriate time and equipment for accessing tasks

Additional adult support is in place to ensure equal access and provided specialist support

Staff planning ensures access for all levels of need and ability

School materials

Enlarged print versions of school material are made available

Relevant equipment is purchased to ensure accessibility