

# St. Gregory's RC Primary School



We give thanks to God, work together and always try our best

# Accessibility plan

## 2022 – 2025

## 1. 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

St. Gregory's aims to treat all its pupils fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all pupils without discrimination of any kind.

At St. Gregory's, our ethos is embedded through the Gospel values and our belief that every child is made in the image and likeness of God, is uniquely valuable and deserving of respect as of right. We hold that each individual child is equal to others regardless of sex, nationality, colour, creed, class, wealth or intellectual ability. We seek to promote to the utmost the development of every child's personal wholeness, integrity, gifts and creativity in a welcoming and loving school community. We do so in partnership with parents, guardians and all others who have the welfare of the child at heart.

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

St. Gregory's 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, the complaints procedure sets out the process for raising these concerns.

## 2. 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 they have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' adverse effect on their 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.

### 3. Action plan

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

Aim: To increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum.				
Short Term Targets	Strategies	Timescale	People with responsibility	Success Criteria
To establish close liaison with parents	<p>To ensure collaboration and sharing between school and families.</p> <p>To increase opportunities for families to participate in events in school.</p> <p>To increase good communication between school and parents.</p> <p>Staff to continue to develop strategies for developing good communication with parents.</p>	Ongoing throughout the current plan	HT SENCO All class teachers	<p>A clear collaborative working approach is developed.</p> <p>Participation at school events increases.</p> <p>Discussion between school and parents increases.</p> <p>Staff confidence when dealing with difficult situations increases</p>
To ensure full access to the curriculum for all children	<p>To provide CPD for staff (as relevant) to ensure that the needs of all children in school are met.</p> <p>To work with Specialist Advisory Teachers (which may include: SEND Team, ASD team, SALT team, OT team, EAL team, EP service etc.) to gain additional support and advice.</p> <p>To ensure that class teachers are able to provide: a differentiated curriculum with alternatives offered.</p> <p>Develop learning opportunities for children to support the assessment of children in different subjects.</p> <p>A range of support staff including those trained to meet specific needs.</p> <p>Multimedia activities to support learning across the curriculum.</p> <p>Use of interactive ICT equipment. Specific equipment sources from outside agencies as required e.g. hearing</p>	Ongoing throughout the current plan	HT All class teachers	<p>Advice is sought when needed.</p> <p>Advice is followed and suggested strategies are evident in class planning and in classroom practice.</p> <p>Children with specific needs are supported in accessing the curriculum</p>

	impaired, OT requirements.			
To establish close liaison with outside agencies for pupils with ongoing health needs e.g. children with asthma, severe allergies, mobility issues	To ensure collaboration between all key personnel. To liaise with medical professionals.  To ensure the “new child” checklist is completed within an appropriate timescale for all new children to the school.	Ongoing throughout the current plan	HT SENCO  All class teachers  Key Support Staff with medical responsibilities	A clear collaborative working approach is developed.  Class teachers and relevant support staff are fully aware of the needs of all children within their class.  Class teachers and relevant support staff are fully aware of the needs of new children who join their class during the academic year, before the child starts or as soon as possible after their admission. Procedures / equipment in place prior to the start of the academic year to ensure a smooth transition into St Gregory’s Primary School.  Key support staff continue to receive up-to-date training to ensure that they can meet the medical needs of all pupils.
To liaise with Nursery Providers to review the needs of the potential new intake in September each year	To identify pupils who may have needs that are additional to or different from the standard provision that is in place from September every year.	July / September every year throughout the plan	HT SENCO  Office staff  All EYFS staff	All EYFS staff are fully aware of the needs of all children in the new intake.  Procedures / equipment in place prior to the start of the academic year to ensure a smooth transition into St. Gregory’s RC Primary School.
To review all statutory policies to ensure that they reflect inclusive practice and procedure	All policies comply with the Equality Act 2010.	Ongoing throughout the current plan	HT SENCO  All subject leaders	All policies clearly reflect inclusive practice and procedures.

Medium Term targets	Strategies	Timescale	People with responsibility	Success Criteria
To closely monitor and review the attainment and progress of all pupils with identified SEND	<p>Half termly meetings with class teachers and support staff to monitor and review the impact of Provision Map interventions and identify next steps for each child/group of children.</p> <p>Termly review meetings with class teachers and the SENCO to review progress and identify next steps for children with SEND.</p> <p>Parents are invited to attend and contribute to the formation of new SEN plans and EHCP reviews.</p>	<p>Half termly</p> <p>Termly</p>	<p>HT</p> <p>SENCO Class teachers</p> <p>Support Staff</p> <p>Parents</p>	<p>Provision Map annotations for all groups K children make clear progress towards their identified outcomes.</p> <p>QFT children make clear progress towards their personal targets.</p>
<p>To promote the involvement of pupils with disabilities in all classroom activities</p> <p>To take account of the variety of learning styles within the class when teaching across the curriculum</p>	<p>Within the curriculum, the school aims to produce full access to all aspects of the curriculum by providing (where appropriate): Wheelchair access, screen magnifier software for the visually impaired.</p> <p>Features such as sticky keys and filter keys to aid disabled users in using a keyboard.</p> <p>Makaton training for relevant staff.</p> <p>Giving alternatives to enable disabled pupils to participate successfully in lessons.</p> <p>Creating positive images of disability within the school so that pupils grow into adults who have some understanding of the needs of disabled people.</p>	Ongoing as required	SENCO Class teachers	<p>A variety of learning styles and multi-sensory activities are evident in class planning and within the classroom</p> <p>The needs of all pupils, parents and staff with disabilities are represented within the school. Opportunities for pupils to work with people with disabilities are evident across the school.</p>
To monitor the attainment of more able pupils	<p>To ensure the above strategies have been implemented.</p> <p>To evaluate progress and identify next steps.</p>	Annually	<p>HT</p> <p>SENCO</p> <p>Governors</p>	<p>Pupils make proportionate progress to reflect their abilities and needs. Class planning and classroom activities demonstrate opportunities taken to extend and challenge more able children.</p>

Long Term targets	Strategies	Timescale	People with responsibility	Success Criteria
To evaluate and review the short term and medium targets documented above at least annually	To ensure the above strategies have been implemented. To evaluate progress and identify next steps	Annually	HT SENCO Governors	All children in school are making at least good progress  The additional needs of all children are fully met.  The learning environment and learning opportunities provided are amended and adapted as required to meet the needs of all children.
To deliver findings to the Governing Body	To share information and findings during Finance Committee and Children's Committee meetings.	Annually	SENCO SEND Governor Governors	All Governors are fully informed about SEND provision and the progress made by these identified children.  All Governors are fully aware of the changes that are required to meet individual needs.

**Aim: To improve the physical environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services**

Short Term Targets	Strategies	Timescale	People with responsibility	Success Criteria
To improve the physical environment of the school	The school will take into account the needs of pupils, staff and visitors with physical difficulties and sensory impairments when planning and undertaking future improvements and refurbishments to the site and premises, such as improved access, lighting and more accessible facilities and fittings.	Ongoing	HT SENCO Governors	The needs of all people are met, where possible.  When this is not possible (e.g. due to the structure of the building or the amount of notice the school receive), every attempt will be made by the school to overcome any barriers that

				may arise.
To ensure that the whole school environment is visually stimulating for all children	Colourful, lively displays are created in all classrooms. Communal areas are kept tidy. A range of resources and props are used to engage, motivate and stimulate children. All parts of the school are welcoming and inviting.	Ongoing	All staff	The whole school environment is tidy The whole school environment is colourful, lively, inviting and engaging.
To ensure that all people with a disability are able to be fully involved in school life	To create access plans for individual children with disabilities as part of the SEND Support / EHCP process.  To undertake confidential surveys of staff and governors to ascertain access needs and to make sure that they are met in the school.  To include questions in the pupil information questionnaire about access arrangements. To gather information about access arrangements for parents, carers and visitors through questionnaires to ensure that these needs are met during school events.	Annual questionnaires  Needs to be addressed with immediate effect once identified and to be reviewed constantly	HT Governors All staff	The needs of all people are met, where possible. When this is not possible (e.g. due to the structure of the building or the amount of notice the school receive), every attempt will be made by the school to overcome any barriers that may arise. All children with disabilities are able to participate fully in school life.
To ensure that the medical needs to all pupils are fully met within the capability of the school	To conduct parent interviews to identify needs of children before they join the school.  To liaise with external agencies to ensure that barriers are overcome.  To identify the training needs of staff.  To establish individual protocols where needed to meet the needs of individual children.	Annual questionnaires Needs to be addressed with immediate effect once identified and to be reviewed constantly	HT Governors All staff	The medical needs of all people are met, where possible.  When this is not possible (e.g. due to the structure of the building or the amount of notice the school receive), every attempt will be made by the school to overcome any barriers that may arise.  All children with specific medical needs are able to participate fully in school life
To ensure that parents and carers with disabilities have every opportunity to be involved in school life	Arrangements to be made for main gates to be open to enable wheelchair access.  To arrange interpreters through County to enable staff to communicate with deaf and EAL parents.  To offer a telephone call to explain letters home for parents who may need support with literacy skills. To	Annual questionnaires Needs to be addressed with immediate effect once identified and	HT Governors All staff	To ensure that disabled parents and parents with EAL are not discriminated against. To ensure that disabled parents and parents with EAL are encouraged to take an interest in and be involved in their child's education.

	adopt a proactive approach to identify the access requirements and needs of disabled parents.	to be reviewed constantly		
Medium Term Targets	Strategies	Timescale	People with responsibility	Success Criteria
To improve community links	<p>St. Gregory's RC Primary School continues to have strong links with the Local Authority, the Diocese and the wider community.</p> <p>Opportunities to participate in community events and promote disabilities to develop positive attitudes among children are encouraged.</p>	Ongoing throughout the plan	HT SLT Class teachers	<p>Children, parents, staff and governors have an improved awareness of disabilities within the school community, the local community and the wider community.</p> <p>Improved community cohesion is evident.</p>
Long Term Targets	Strategies	Timescale	People with responsibility	Success Criteria
To continue to develop the playgrounds and facilities to ensure they are accessible for all.	<p>To develop the school grounds using Sports Premium.</p> <p>Money and Grants and funding opportunities that are available.</p>	Ongoing throughout the plan	HT SLT Class teachers	<p>Playgrounds and the whole school grounds are accessible for all pupils, parents, staff, visitors and governors.</p> <p>Play equipment is age appropriate and accessible for all pupils.</p> <p>Playgrounds are inviting, engaging and inspiring for pupils and develop their skills in many areas.</p>
To ensure that the driveway, roads and paths in and around the school are as safe as possible.	<p>Caretaker to continue to carry out checks to ensure safety on the school site</p> <p>Communication with parents to ensure parking is safe and walking to school is encouraged.</p> <p>Safety events within the wider community to be promoted and advertised to children and families</p> <p>Problems reported to the appropriate body and rectifications monitored.</p> <p>Road safety sessions for Year 3.</p> <p>Bikeability sessions for Year 5</p>	Ongoing throughout the plan	HT SLT Caretaker Class teachers	<p>Reduction in accidents. Accident forms to be completed as needed and evaluated to reduce future incidents. Checks to be logged to ensure completion.</p>



**Aim 3: To improve the delivery of information to pupils and parents with disabilities**

Short Term Targets	Strategies	Timescale	People with responsibility	Success Criteria
To support parents with hearing impairments	Regular communication via letters and texts with parents. Use of the interpreter at termly parents' evenings.	Ongoing	Class teachers Office staff	Clear two way communication is in place. Parents feel included in school events and activities.
To ensure that all children with ASD have access to the curriculum	Regular parental communication Individual SEND Support Plans / EHCP plans written to meet the needs of each child and identify the specific support that will be put into place. Work with outside agencies to ensure up to date appropriate strategies are used to support learning and development. Staff training as required as children move through school. Clear communication between school staff to ensure smooth transition between classes.	Ongoing	SENCO Class teachers Support staff	Children with ASD can access the curriculum and make progress against their own targets. Parents and other agencies attend school SEND Support and EHCP review meetings. Staff receive appropriate training to ensure they are able to meet the needs of individual children fully.
To ensure that all children with speech and communication difficulties have access to the curriculum	Regular communication with parents to share the techniques that are taught in class to support understanding. Support staff to liaise with Speech and Language Therapists (SALT).	Ongoing	SENCO Class teachers Support staff	SALT children can access the curriculum and make progress against their own communication targets. Resources are used to develop understanding of vocabulary and concepts when needed. Support staff meet regularly with the speech therapist to ensure appropriate support. Parents have regular meetings with the speech therapist to ensure the

				work that is completed in school is reinforced at home.
To enable improved access to written information for pupils, parents and visitors	<p>Questionnaires/discussions to identify any needs parents may have.</p> <p>Relay messages verbally where parental difficulties are known.</p> <p>Raise awareness among staff of the use of suitable font and size and correct page layout to support people with visual impairments.</p> <p>Investigate the use of symbols to support people with reading difficulties.</p> <p>Audit reading materials used in school to ensure suitable large print materials are available if needed. Ensure signage around school is accessible in all known languages.</p> <p>Use EAL team translators to convey messages when needed.</p>	Ongoing	<p>SENCO</p> <p>Class teachers</p> <p>Support staff</p>	<p>Parents with literacy difficulties or EAL can access school communications.</p> <p>School resources are appropriate for children with EAL or literacy difficulties.</p>
Medium Term Targets	Strategies	Timescale	People with responsibility	Success Criteria
To review children's records to ensure that the school is fully aware of any disabilities	<p>Information is collected about all new children in the starters' pack.</p> <p>Records are passed up to class teachers as part of our annual transition.</p> <p>Discussions take place between staff to ensure full awareness as part of our transition arrangements. Parents and other agencies participate in SEN Support Plan and EHCP review meetings to ensure the most up-to-date information is shared with the school Medical needs are identified by parents and are updated at least annually.</p> <p>Personal health plans are created for children as required</p>	Ongoing	All staff	<p>Each class teacher and all appropriate support staff are fully aware of the needs and disabilities of children in each class.</p> <p>Transition arrangements are thorough to ensure all information is passed on.</p> <p>The needs of new starters are collected by office staff.</p>

	Significant health problems are shared with all staff Photos are displayed with medical needs and action plans to ensure full awareness.			
Long Term Targets	Strategies	Timescale	People with responsibility	Success Criteria
To review and amend the in school records that are kept for each child to ensure clarity and cohesion	Review records that are kept and the information that is required. As changes are made, add new forms to the new starter's packs but also ensure that they are completed for all existing pupils. Continue to ensure clear communication is in place between school and home to ensure changes are shared with school as soon as possible.	Continual review and improvement	HT SLT Office staff	There is effective communication within school to ensure information about disabilities and additional needs is shared with staff and appropriate agencies as required.

#### 4. Monitoring arrangements

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

#### 5. 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