



Lionel Walden Primary School

Accessibility Plan

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Statement of intent

This plan outlines how Lionel Walden Primary School aims to increase access to education for pupils with disabilities in the three areas required by the planning duties in the Equality Act 2010 (i.e. the curriculum, physical environment and information).

A person is regarded as having a disability under the Equality Act where they have a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

This plan aims to:

- Increase the extent to which pupils with disabilities can participate in the curriculum.
- Improve the physical environment of the school to enable pupils with disabilities to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided.
- Improve the availability of accessible information to pupils with disabilities.

The above aims will be delivered within a reasonable timeframe, and in ways which are determined after taking into account pupils' disabilities and the views of parents and pupils. In the preparation of an accessibility strategy, the LA will have regard to the need to allocate adequate resources in the implementation of this strategy.

The governing board also recognises its responsibilities towards employees with disabilities and will:

- Monitor recruitment procedures to ensure that individuals with disabilities are provided with equal opportunities.
- Provide appropriate support and provision for employees with disabilities to ensure that they can carry out their work effectively without barriers.
- Undertake reasonable adjustments to enable staff to access the workplace.

The plan will be resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised in consultation with:

- Pupils' parents.
- The headteacher and other relevant members of staff.
- Governors.
- External partners.

1. Legal framework

This plan has due regard to all relevant legislation and statutory guidance including, but not limited to, the following:

- Human Rights Act 1998
- The Special Educational Needs and Disability Regulations 2014
- Education and Inspections Act 2006
- Equality Act 2010
- Education Act 1996
- Children and Families Act 2014
- The Equality Act 2010 (Specific Duties and Public Authorities) Regulations 2017
- DfE (2014) 'The Equality Act 2010 and schools'
- DfE (2015) 'Special educational needs and disability code of practice: 0 to 25 years'

This plan operates in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Equality Information and Objectives Policy
- Early Years Policy
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Policy
- Equality, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Admissions Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions Policy
- Administering Medication Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Data Protection Policy

2. Roles and responsibilities

The governing board will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that all accessibility planning adheres to and reflects the principles outlined in this plan.
- Approving this plan before it is implemented.
- Monitoring this plan.

The headteacher will be responsible for:

- Ensuring that staff members are aware of pupils' disabilities and medical conditions.
- Establishing whether a new pupil has any disabilities or medical conditions which the school should be aware of.
- Consulting with relevant and reputable experts if challenging situations regarding pupils' disabilities arise.
- Working closely with the governing board, LA and external agencies to effectively create and implement the school's Accessibility Plan.

The SENCO will be responsible for:

- Working closely with the headteacher and governing board to ensure that pupils with SEND are appropriately supported.
- Ensuring they have oversight of the needs of pupils with SEND attending the school, and advising the headteacher in relation to those needs as appropriate.

Staff members will be responsible for:

- Acting in accordance with this plan at all times.
- Supporting disabled pupils to access their environment and their education wherever necessary, e.g. by making reasonable adjustments to their practice.
- Ensuring that their actions do not discriminate against any pupil as a result of their disability.

3. The Accessibility Audit

The governing board will undertake an annual Accessibility Audit. The audit will cover the following three areas:

- **Access to the curriculum** – the governing board will assess the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access the curriculum on an equal basis with their peers.
- **Access to the physical environment** – the governing board will assess the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access the physical environment on an equal basis with their peers.
- **Access to information** – the governing board will assess the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access information on an equal basis with their peers.

When conducting the audit, the governing board will consider all kinds of disabilities and impairments, including, but not limited to, the following:

- **Ambulatory disabilities** – this includes pupils who use a wheelchair or mobility aid
- **Dexterity disabilities** – this includes those whose everyday manual handling of objects and fixtures may be impaired
- **Visual disabilities** – this includes those with visual impairments and sensitivities
- **Auditory disabilities** – this includes those with hearing impairments and sensitivities
- **Comprehension** – this includes hidden disabilities, such as autism and dyslexia

The findings from the audit will be used to identify short-, medium- and long-term actions to address specific gaps and improve access.

All actions will be carried out in a reasonable timeframe, and after taking into account pupils' disabilities and the preferences of their parents. The actions that will be undertaken are detailed in the following sections of this document.

Access to the curriculum

Priority	Action	Who	When	Outcome	Review
Ensure staff are knowledgeable about how IT can assist in ensuring accessibility to curriculum areas	Keep staff abreast with new developments and programs that can assist learning. If children enrol in the school with specific needs, ensure that professionals are consulted to enable effective support to be sought and training given when needed. Teachers made aware of accessibility settings on IT hardware to assist reading.	Headteacher, teachers, SENCO	Ongoing	Management and teaching staff are aware of how technology can help in overcoming barriers to learning	Summer 2028
Ensure school trips take into account pupils with SEND	Needs of pupils with SEND are incorporated into the planning process	Teachers, SENCO	As trips are planned	Planning of school trips takes into account pupils with SEND	Summer 2028
Ensure teachers know how to adapt PE lessons to ensure accessibility for all	Staff training using Complete PE package to support differentiation and adaptation in PE	PE Lead, SENCO	Autumn 2026	Teachers understand the principles of how to adapt PE to ensure accessibility for all	Summer 2028

Access to the physical environment

Priority	Action	Who	When	Outcome	Review
Is the outside environment accessible to all?	Audit of physical environment. Look at accessibility – ramps, guide rails etc.	Head teacher, SENCO, Caretaker	Autumn 2026	School is aware of accessibility barriers to its physical environment and will make a plan to address them.	Summer 2028
Is the inside environment accessible to all?	Audit of layout, equipment, furniture, signs, lunch hall.	Head teacher, SENCO, Caretaker	Autumn 2026	School buildings are fully accessible	Summer 2028

Access to Information

Priority	Action	Who	When	Outcome	Review
Ensure written information is accessible to pupils or parents with visual impairments	Provide written information in alternative formats Use of coloured overlays for pupils to help with reading. Ensure computers are set up to use accessibility functions in settings.	SENCO, ICT manager	Autumn 2026	Discussed but not needed at present.	Summer 2028
Ensure school computers are accessible to children with SEND	Audit of the accessibility functions available in Windows.	ICT manager	Autumn 2026	Website is fully accessible	Summer 2028

Monitoring and review

This plan will be reviewed on an annual basis by members of the governing board and the headteacher. The next scheduled review date for this plan is September 2028. Any changes to this plan will be communicated to all staff members and relevant stakeholders.