



# THE NEW GUILD TRUST

## Accessibility Policy



The Accessibility Policies for each school within the Trust are drawn up in compliance with current legislation and requirements as specified in Schedule 10, relating to Disability, of the Equality Act 2010. School Governors are accountable for ensuring the implementation, review and reporting on progress of the Accessibility Plan over a prescribed period. The New Guild Trust are committed to providing an accessible environment which values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs. We are committed to challenging negative attitudes about disability and accessibility and to developing a culture of awareness, tolerance and inclusion.

1. An Accessibility Plan will be drawn up by each member school of the Trust to cover a three year period. The plan will be amended annually to meet the needs of the current school community.

The Accessibility Plan will contain relevant actions to:

- Improve access to the physical environment of the school, adding specialist facilities as necessary. This covers reasonable adjustments to the **physical environment** of the school and physical aids to access education.
  - Increase access to the **curriculum** for pupils with a disability, expanding and making reasonable adjustments to the curriculum as necessary to ensure that pupils with a disability are as, equally, prepared for life as are the able-bodied pupils; (if a school fails to do this they are in breach of the Disability Discrimination Act). This covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits. It also covers the provision of specialist **aids and equipment**, which may assist these pupils in accessing the curriculum.
  - Improve and make reasonable adjustments to the delivery of **written information** to pupils, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities. Examples might include hand-outs, timetables, textbooks and information about the school and school events. The information should be made available in various preferred formats within a reasonable time frame.
2. The Action Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of each individual school within the Trust, which is undertaken regularly. It may not be feasible to undertake some of the works during the life of this first Accessibility Plan and therefore some items will roll forward into subsequent plans. The audit will need to be revisited prior to the end of each first three-year plan period in order to inform the development of the new plan for the following period.
  3. Information about our Accessibility Plan will be published on the Trust's and each individual school's website and copies made available to parents on request.
  4. The Trust's complaints procedure covers the Accessibility Plan.
  5. The Plan will be monitored by the Local Community Governors at each individual school.
  6. The Plan will be monitored by Ofsted as part of their inspection cycle.