

## Access Plan

*This Accessibility Policy and Plan 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.*

1. We 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.
2. South Ossett Infants' Academy plans, over time, to ensure the accessibility of provision for all pupils, staff and visitors to the School.
3. An Accessibility Plan has been drawn up. The plan will be updated as the needs of children, staff or visitors require.
4. The Accessibility Plan contains 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 academy 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. This covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum for 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.

5. The Action Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of the School, which is undertaken regularly.
6. Information about our Accessibility Plan will be published in the Governors' Annual Report to Parents (statutory).
7. The Plan will be monitored through the Resource and Audit Committee (RAC).
8. We acknowledge that there is a need for on-going awareness raising and training for staff and governors in the matter of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

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