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Copenhagen Primary school

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

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Mission Statement and Ethos

School Mission Statement

The school is committed to ensuring equal access for all its employees, pupils and any others involved in the school community, with any form of disability and will ensure that disabled people are not treated less favourably in any procedures, practices and service delivery.

Introduction

This plan is drawn up in accordance with the planning duty in the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, as amended by the SEN and Disability Act 2001 (SENDA). It draws on the guidance set out in "Accessible Schools: Planning to increase access to schools for disabled pupils", issued by DfES in July 2002.

Definition of Disability

Disability is defined by the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (DDA):

"A person has 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."

Part 1 para 2 includes persons with past disabilities to be included. The provisions of this Part and Parts II and III apply in relation to a person who has had a disability as they apply in relation to a person who has that disability."

Key Objective

To reduce and eliminate barriers to access to the curriculum and to full participation in the school community for pupils, and prospective pupils, with a disability.

Principles

- ❖ Compliance with the DDA is consistent with the school's aims and Equal opportunities policy, and the operation of the school's SEN policy;
- ❖ The school recognizes its duty under the DDA (as amended by the SENDA):
 - not to discriminate against disabled pupils in their admissions and exclusions, and provision of education and associated services.
 - not to treat disabled pupils less favourably
 - to take reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled pupils at a substantial disadvantage to publish an Accessibility Plan.
- ❖ In performing their duties governors and staff will have regard to

the DRC Code of Practice (2002)

- ❖ The school recognizes and values parents' knowledge of their child's disability and its effect on his/hers abilities to carry out normal activities, and respects the parents' and child's right to confidentiality.
- ❖ The school provides all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum. Differentiated and adjusted to meet the needs of individual pupils and their preferred learning styles; and endorses the key principles in the National Curriculum 2000 framework, which underpin the development of a more inclusive curriculum: setting suitable learning challenges: responding to pupils` diverse learning needs; overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups of pupils.

Activity

a) Education & related activities

The school will continue to seek and follow the advice of LA services, such as specialist teacher advisers and SEN inspectors/advisers, and of appropriate health professionals from the local PCT Trusts.

b) Physical environment

The school will take account of the needs of pupils and visitors with physical difficulties and sensory impairments when planning and undertaking future improvements and refurbishments of the site and premises, such as improved access, lighting, acoustic treatment and colour schemes, and more accessible facilities and fittings.

c) Provision of information

The school will make itself aware of local services, including those provided through the LA, for providing information in alternative formats when required or requested.

- Action Plan

See attached (Appendix 1)

- Linked Policies

This Plan will contribute to the review and revision of related school policies, e.g.

- school development plan
- building and site development plan
- SEN policy
- Equal Opportunities policy
- curriculum policies.

Appendix 1

		Objective	What	How	Goal Achieved
Short term	1	Ensure compliance with DDA and Code of Practice	Staff and governors informed of requirements and obligations of DDA, and of the Accessibility Plan	Staff meeting Governors meeting	School complies with requirements of DDA and Code of Practice
	2	Improve availability of written material in alternative forms	School aware of local and County services for converting written information into alternative formats	SENCO researches and discusses with STA services	School able to deliver information to all pupils and parents with disabilities
Medium term	3	Improve working environment for pupils with visual impairment	Incorporate appropriate colour schemes when refurbishing, and install blinds on south-facing windows	Seek advice from LEA building surveyors and STA VI	VI pupils able to work independently in all teaching areas
	4	Improve provision for children with ADHD and related disorders	Develop staff's knowledge and skills in managing children with ADHD etc.	Staff training day, led by EP, for teachers and LSAs	Staff have increased confidence and skills in working with children with ADHD and related disorders
Long term	5	Improve access to all ground floor teaching areas	Ramped access to main entrance and playground entrance to the School	Planned use of devolved capital allocation, as part of planned refurbishment	All ground floor teaching areas accessible

