



LITTLE MISSENDEN CE INFANT SCHOOL

SCHOOL ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

Introduction

This plan is drawn up on 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.'

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 Learning Support Policy;
- Little Missenden CE Infant School recognises 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 other 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);
- Little Missenden School recognises and values parents' knowledge of their child's disability and its effect on his/her ability to carry out normal activities, and respects the parents' and the child's right to confidentiality;
- Little Missenden 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 underpins 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

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Activity

a) Education and related activities

Little Missenden CE Infant School will continue to seek and follow the advice of LEA services, such as specialist teacher advisers and SEN inspectors/advisers, and of appropriate health professionals from the local NHS Trusts.

b) Physical environment

Little Missenden CE Infant School will take account of the needs of pupils with physical difficulties and sensory impairments when planning and undertaking future improvements and refurbishment 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

Little Missenden CE Infant School will make itself aware of local services, including those provided through the LEA, for providing information in alternative formats when required or requested.

Accessibility Plan

The accessibility plan is contained in the school plan which is reviewed on a yearly basis.

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