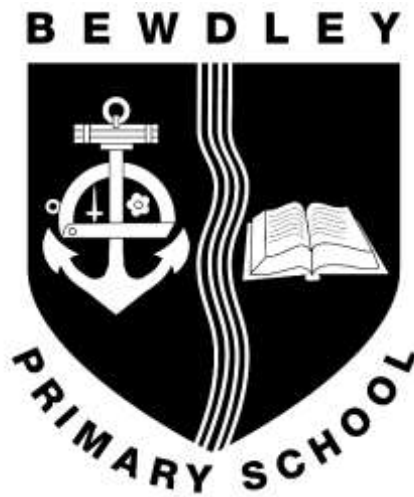


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# Bewdley Primary School



## Accessibility Plan 2022 - 2025

At Bewdley Primary School, we want all children to enjoy school, and achieve our aim to help everyone to achieve their best. We are committed to giving all of our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. We do this by taking account of pupils' varied life experiences and needs. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum and have high expectations for all children. The achievements, attitudes and well-being of all our children matter.

### **Purpose of Plan**

This plan shows how Bewdley Primary School intends, over time, to increase the accessibility of our school for disabled pupils, staff, parents/carers and visitors.

### **Definition of disability**

A person has a disability if he/she has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse affect on his/her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

### **Areas of planning responsibilities**

Increasing access for disabled pupils to the school curriculum (this includes teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits)

Improving access to the physical environment of schools (this includes improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education)

Improving the delivery of written information to disabled pupils (this will include planning to make written information that is normally provided by the school to its pupils available to disabled pupils. The information should take account of pupils' disabilities and pupils' and parents' preferred formats and be made available within a reasonable timeframe)

**Contextual Information** Bewdley Primary School has been in its current location since , the building was previously used as a middle school. It is a single storey building with all areas being accessible via wheelchair. There are two Disabled toilets available at the entrance to the school and by the ICT Room and a room incorporating a toilet near the upper key stage 2 classrooms. All of these are accessible from any point in the school. The playground and ball sports areas are also accessible from each classroom as is the playing field, although, as a field, is probably not suitable for wheelchair access. At present we have no wheelchair dependent pupils, parents or members of staff.

**Current Range of known disabilities**

The school has children with a range of disabilities to include moderate and specific learning disabilities.

We have a small number of pupils who have a hearing impairment

**Increasing access for disabled pupils to the school curriculum.**

Improving teaching and learning lies at the heart of the school’s work. Through self-review and Continuous Professional Development (CPD), we aim to enhance staff knowledge, skills and understanding to promote excellent teaching and learning for all children. We aim to meet every child’s needs within mixed ability, inclusive classes.

It is a core value of the school that all children are enabled to participate fully in the broader life of the school. Consequently, all children have always been permitted to attend age relevant after school clubs, leisure and cultural activities and educational visits. The only exception would occur if a child had breached school rules and attendance at a school club would be of detriment to themselves or others.

Target	Strategies	Time-scale	Responsibility	Success Criteria
Increase confidence of all staff in differentiating the curriculum	Be aware of staff training needs on curriculum access Assign CPD for dyslexia, differentiation and recording methods Online learning modules if required	On-going and as required	SENDCO	Raised staff confidence in strategies for differentiation and increased pupil participation
Ensure classroom support staff have specific	Be aware of staff training needs Staff access	As required	SENDCO	Raised confidence of support staff

training on disability issues	appropriate CPD Online learning modules if required			
Ensure all staff are aware of disabled children's curriculum access	Set up a system of individual access plans for disabled pupils when required Information sharing with all agencies involved with child	As required	SENDCO	All staff aware of individuals needs
Use ICT software to support learning	Make sure software installed where needed	As required	ICT	Wider use of SEN resources in classrooms
All educational visits to be accessible to all	Develop guidance for staff on making trips accessible Ensure each new venue is vetted for appropriateness	As required	HT/EVC	All pupils in school able to access all educational visits and take part in a range of activities
Review PE curriculum to ensure PE accessible to all	Gather information on accessible PE and disability sports Seek disabled sports people to come into school	As required	PE co-ordinator	All to have access to PE and be able to excel

### **Improving access to the physical environment of the school**

All areas are currently accessible to disabled pupils apart from the new Forest School area. We have a wide range of equipment and resources available for day to day use. We keep resource provision under constant review. The schools Improvement planning process is the vehicle for considering such needs on an annual basis.

TARGET	Strategies	Time-scale	Responsibility	Success criteria
The school is aware of the access needs of disabled pupils, staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors	To create access plans for individual disabled pupils as part of the IPM process when required Be aware of staff, governors and parents access needs and meet as appropriate Through questions and discussions find out the access needs of parents/carers through newsletter Consider access needs during recruitment process Ensure staff aware of Environment Access Standard	As required Induction and on-going if required Annually Recruitment process	SENDCO Headteacher	IPM's in place for disabled pupils and all staff aware of pupils needs All staff and governors feel confident their needs are met Parents have full access to all school activities Access issues do not influence recruitment and retention issues
Layout of school to allow access for all pupils to all areas	Consider needs of disabled pupils, parents/carers or visitors when considering any redesign	As required	Head/ Governors/ Site manager/ School Surveyor	Re-designed areas are usable by all
Ensure Forest School Area is as accessible as possible	Develop system to allow entry for wheel chair users. Possibly in the form of a pathway across the field and ramp/elongate	Consider in any new development	Site Manager	Disabled pupils able to access Forest School provision

	steps down to forest school area and pathway through			
Improve signage and external access for visually impaired people	Yellow strip mark step edges	On going	Site manager	Visually impaired people feel safe in school grounds
Ensure all disabled pupils can be safely evacuated	Put in place Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan (PEEP) for all pupils with difficulties Develop a system to ensure all staff are aware of their responsibilities	As required Each Sept	SENDCO	All disabled pupils and staff working alongside are safe in the event of a fire
Ensure hearing equipment in classrooms to support hearing impaired	Seek support from LA hearing impaired unit on the appropriate equipment	Ongoing	LA hearing officers	All children have access to the equipment

### **Improving the delivery of written information to disabled pupils**

This will include planning to make written information that is normally provided by the school to its pupils available to disabled pupils. Examples might include handouts, textbooks and information about school events. The information should take account of pupils' disabilities and pupils' and parents' preferred formats and be made available within a reasonable timeframe. In planning to make written information available to disabled pupils we again need to establish the current level of need and be able to respond to changes in the range of need. The school will need to identify agencies and sources of such materials to be able to make the provision when required. The schools ICT infrastructure will enable us to access a range of materials supportive to need

Targets	Strategies	Time-scale	Responsibility	Success Criteria
Review information to parents/carers to ensure it is accessible.	Provide information and letters in clear print in "simple" English School office will support and help parents to access information and complete school forms Ensure website and all document accessible via the school website can be accessed by the visually impaired.	During induction On-going Current	KS1/office School Office Office/ Website design team	All parents receive information in a form that they can access All parents understand what are the headlines of the school information
Improve the delivery of information in writing in an appropriate format	Provide suitably enlarged, clear print for pupils with a visual impairment	As required	Office	Excellent communication
Ensure all staff are aware of guidance on accessible formats	Guidance to staff on dyslexia and accessible information	On-going	SENDCO	Staff produce their own information
Annual review information to be as accessible as possible	Develop child friendly IPM review formats	On-going	SENDCO	Staff more aware of pupils preferred method of communications
Provide information in other languages for pupils or prospective pupils who may	Access to translators, sign language interpreters to be considered and offered if	As required Currently being provided for parent	SENDCO	Pupils and/or parents feel supported and included

have difficulty with hearing or language problems	possible			
Provide information in simple language, symbols, large print for prospective pupils or prospective parents/carers who may have difficulty with standard form of printed information	Ensure website is fully compliant with requirement for access by person with visual impairment. Ensure Prospectus is available via the school website.	On-going	Office	All can access information about the school