

Accessibility Plan



St Vincent's Catholic Primary School

The School Mission Statement

To love, serve and learn as Jesus shows us

DOCUMENT STATUS

<u>Agreed by Governors:</u>	<u>Review progress:</u>	<u>Next full review:</u>
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Aims of the Accessibility Plan

This plan outlines how St Vincent's Catholic Primary School aims to increase access to education for pupils with disabilities in the three areas required by the planning duties in the Equality Act 2010 (i.e. the curriculum, physical environment and information).

A person is regarded as having a disability under the Act where they have a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

This plan aims to:

- Increase the extent to which pupils with disabilities can participate in the curriculum.
- Improve the physical environment of the school to enable pupils with disabilities to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided.
- Improve the availability of accessible information to pupils with disabilities.

The above aims will be delivered within a reasonable timeframe, and in ways which are determined after taking into account pupils' disabilities and the views of parents and pupils. In the preparation of an accessibility strategy, the LA must have regard to the need to allocate adequate resources in the implementation of this strategy.

The governing board also recognises its responsibilities towards employees with disabilities and will:

- Monitor recruitment procedures to ensure that individuals with disabilities are provided with equal opportunities.
- Provide appropriate support and provision for employees with disabilities to ensure that they can carry out their work effectively without barriers.
- Undertake reasonable adjustments to enable staff to access the workplace.

The plan will be resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised in consultation with:

- Pupils
- Parents.
- The Executive Headteacher, Head of School and other relevant members of staff.
- Governors.
- External partners.

This plan is reviewed every three years to take into account the changing needs of the school and its pupils. The plan is also reviewed where the school has undergone a refurbishment.

Planning duty 1: Curriculum

Issue	What	Who	When	Outcome	Review
	Monitoring of engagement in after school clubs for children with SEND	Executive Headteacher, Head of School, SENDCO	Termly	<p>Leaders can evidence wider engagement of SEND children and can track any trends / issues</p> <p><i>Interim review:</i> November 2025: monitored termly – additional staffing provision in place to facilitate participation as required to encourage increased engagement</p>	Termly
Gaps in training for staff	Audit of staff SEND training and CPD as required	Executive Headteacher, Head of School, SENDCO, training providers	Autumn 2024	<p>Staff members have the skills to support pupils with SEND</p> <p><i>Interim review:</i> November 2025: further updates needed due to the newly opened Designated Provision class</p>	Autumn 2025
	<p>SEND parent survey</p> <p>SEND pupil survey (or separate this group within a whole school children's survey)</p>	Executive Headteacher, Head of School, SENDCO	Autumn 2024	<p>Pupils with SEND can access lessons</p> <p><i>Interim review:</i> November 2025: SEND pupil survey; parent survey later in the year due to opening of Designated provision</p>	Annually

Planning duty 2: Physical Environment

Issue	What	Who	When	Outcome	Review
A small number of internal classroom doors are not wide enough for wheelchair access	Identify doors which are too narrow As appropriate, include widening of doors in building works If needed, relocate cohorts to a classroom which is accessible for wheelchair users	Executive Headteacher, Head of School, Maintenance Officer	As soon as building works allow As required	All areas of school are accessible to wheelchair users <i>Interim review: November 2025: Doors which are too narrow identified</i>	Summer 2025
Signage around school is not accessible to those with visual impairment, other specific needs, or EAL	Update signs within and around school	Executive Headteacher, Head of School, Maintenance Officer	Spring 2025	Everyone can move around school independently <i>Interim review: November 2025: visuals more consistently in use around school and by staff</i>	Summer 2025

Planning duty 3: Information

Issue	What	Who	When	Outcome	Review
Information about parent / carer needs with regards to accessing school or information needs updating	Audit of parent / carer needs to inform any action required	Executive Headteacher, Head of School, SENDCO, possible external advice and support	Autumn 2024	Parents and carers can access information and events without difficulty <i>Interim review: November 2025: translation tool on the school website</i>	Autumn 2025