

# Mawnan CE VA Primary School



## Accessibility Plan

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## **Accessibility Plan**

At Mawnan School, we want all children to enjoy school, to be challenged to achieve their very best, and to consider their time at the school as their own 'learning adventure'. We are committed to giving all 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 Mawnan School intends, over time, to increase the accessibility of our school for disabled pupils, staff, parents/careers and visitors in the three areas required by the planning duties in the Equality Act 2010 (i.e. the curriculum, physical environment and information).

### **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 effect 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)

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.

## **Contextual Information**

Mawnan School is a single-story building and has a disabled toilet in the main foyer. The school is maintained under the PFI2 agreement by Mitie. It is possible to access all areas of the school building in a wheelchair and to navigate around all areas of the outside. Access to the field and adventure playground at present would be tricky as there is no designated ramp.

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

## **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.

It is a requirement that the school's accessibility plan is resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised as necessary and reported on annually. Attached is a set of action plans showing how the school will address the priorities identified in the plan.

## **What is already in place?**

- The school layout is wheelchair accessible throughout. The school has two accessible toilets accessible from all areas of the school. The school carpark has a dedicated space for parents with children that have a disability and who are blue badge holders.
- Arrangements are made for pupils with allergies or medical needs (e.g. epi pen), Risk assessments are used to ensure activities on and off the school site cater for the needs of children with specific difficulties including physical disabilities.
- Where possible additional equipment is made available to enable SEND pupils to access the curriculum and be involved in all activities e.g. special scissors, pencil grips, specific seating, sensory resources, IT etc. The SENDCo and another member of staff has received positive handling training e.g. Team Teach.
- Access arrangements are in place to support children with their SATs.

## **The accessibility audit**

The governing board will undertake an **annual** Accessibility Audit.

The audit will cover the following three areas:

- **Access to the curriculum** – the governing board will assess the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access the curriculum on an equal basis with their peers.
- **Access to the physical environment** – the governing board will assess the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access the physical environment on an equal basis with their peers.
- **Access to information** – the governing board will assess the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access information on an equal basis with their peers.

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.

## Mawnan C of E VA Primary School Accessibility Plan 2024 -2027

1. Improving Participation in the curriculum					
Target/Issue	Lead	Strategy/Action	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
<p>Effective communication and engagement of parents</p> <p>Currently, our good practice includes holding termly Individual Learning Plan meetings for all children on the SEN register. In order to improve this, we will also offer opportunities for alternative methods of communication for parents who are unable to attend meetings in person.</p>	<p><b>Headteacher</b> SENDco</p>	<p>Provide alternative methods of communication, such as phone calls or video conferencing, for parents who cannot attend meetings in person</p> <p>Ensure that information shared during meetings is accessible and easy to understand</p> <p>Provide written summaries or recordings of meetings for parents who are unable to attend.</p>	<p>-google booking form -Rooms for meetings -Diary dates</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>Increased participation of parents in Individual Learning Plan meetings</p> <p>Positive feedback from parents regarding the accessibility of information shared</p>
<p>Training for staff on increasing access to the curriculum for all learners and removing potential barriers</p>	<p><b>Headteacher</b> SENDco</p>	<p><b>Provide staff training on understanding autism, down syndrome and dyslexia and strategies for supporting pupils in the classroom.</b></p> <p>Annual Audit of staff knowledge, understanding and confidence of specific learning needs carried out by SENDCo.</p>	<p>-Staff meeting -TA training</p>	<p><b>Annually</b></p>	<p><b>All staff are trained</b> and potential barriers are foreseen then removed before a problem arises</p> <p><b>Staff are confident in supporting children with all learning needs</b></p>

Appropriate use of specialised equipment to benefit individual pupils and staff	SENDco	<p>I pads available to support children with difficulties. Sloping boards for children with physical disabilities. Coloured overlays or coloured paper for children with visual difficulties or dyslexia.</p> <p>Task boards for children with processing and/or working memory difficulties.</p> <p>Use of wobble cushions, weighted blankets</p> <p>Pencil grips and other sensory items</p> <p>Monitor and observe use of equipment Eg PECS, visual timetable, other visuals, writing with symbols , wobble cushions and sensory items etc</p>	<p>-Audit of equipment and needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Staff training</li> <li>- Cost of resources</li> </ul>	<b>Annually</b>	SEND children have appropriate equipment and resources which supports their learning and remove barriers to learning
Our current good practice includes the appropriate use of interventions and monitoring their success and impact on progress	<b>Headteacher,Assistant Headteachers and</b> SENDco	<b>Headteacher and</b> SENDco to review interventions for impact and progress <b>termly during pupil progress</b> meetings and learning walks.	<b>Tapestry</b> <b>Inisght Tracker</b>	<b>Termly</b>	<b>All children make sustained and substantial progress</b>
Ensure that our curriculum is inclusive	SENDco	Review and update curriculum resources to include diverse	Curriculum budget	<b>On going</b>	Resources which reflect all types of disabilities

and representative of people with disabilities.		representations of people with disabilities. Collaborate with external organizations and experts to develop inclusive teaching materials.			
Ensure all children and adults know about and value and celebrate difference.	SENDCo All staff	All staff to have knowledge of the strengths related to specific needs and can identify them in their pupils. Take part in all of the awareness weeks - MPS Society, Down Syndrome, Neurodiversity Celebration Week	Neurodiversity Celebration Week toolkit	<b>on going</b>	The strengths related to specific learning needs are seen to be utilised in planning and delivering the curriculum

2. Improving Physical Environment					
Target/Issue	Lead	Strategy/Action	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria

Evaluate educational visits and residential trips in light of current cohort	<b>Headteacher</b> SENDco	Ensure all children are included in risk assessments for trips and appropriate support is put in place so children are able to access the trip to its full extent. Pre visits required for residential stays if SEND children are coming.	-Risk Assessments -Time for pre visit if required	On going	All SEND are able to access all trips during their time at <b>Mawnan</b>
Ensure all children feel safe and involved at playtimes	<b>HLTAs and TA</b>	<b>Playground leaders</b> to encourage children to join in games. <b>TAs</b> to proactively develop play opportunities that support all children. Use the 'circle of friends' resources.	<b>-Training for playground leaders</b> -Buddy system for new children	On going	Children feel safe, <b>valued and included</b> in school – evidence in survey results from children
Maintain safe access round the interior and exterior of the school	<b>Headteacher</b> <b>Mitie</b>	Ensure all areas are safe and cleared to ensure children are safe and walkways and other areas are clear. Ensure hoists and lifts are serviced every 6 months.	<b>Daily premise check by the caretaker</b>  <b>Maintenance schedule.</b>	On going	There is safe access through put the school
Ensure access for all SEND children at After school clubs and extended day and reasonable adjustments are made to enable participation	<b>Headtaecher</b>	Audit SEND children use of clubs and extended services Risk assessments and staffing is put in place if needed.	- risk assessments	<b>On going</b>	Increased access of SEND children at After school clubs and extended successfully and happily with the correct support if required



To provide <b>additional space for ECHP</b> children to be able to relax and use as a sensory area	SENDco Headteacher	<b>Development of the school garden and outside classroom Use of the sensory room</b>	<b>Funding and risk assessments</b>	<b>On going</b>	<b>The sensory needs of all pupils are met</b>
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3.Improve the Delivery of Written Information					
Target/Issue	Lead	Strategy/Action	Resources	Timescale	Success Criteria
Ensure written materials are available in alternative formats	Headteacher SENDCo	Provide materials in audio format for visually impaired students. Offer materials in large print for students with visual impairments. Make use of accessible digital formats for students who require screen reading software. Ensure parents with visual impairments can access policies through either a braille service or enlargement of papers		Ongoing	Parents are able to access all information

<p>Ensure all staff are aware of accessible formats.</p> <p>We currently utilize technology to enhance accessibility for pupils with disabilities. This includes providing assistive devices, such as text-to-speech software and screen magnifiers, to support students in accessing information.</p>	<p>Teachers and Teaching assistants</p>	<p>Conduct training sessions for staff on accessible communication formats.</p> <p>Provide resources and guidelines on creating accessible documents and materials.</p> <p>Encourage staff to regularly review and update their knowledge on accessible communication.</p>	<p><b>Staff training</b></p>	<p><b>ONDYSLEXIA-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT GOING</b></p>	<p>Staff understand how to <b>ensure written</b> information can be equally accessed.</p>
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School Accessibility Checklist from Cornwall Council

School /academy name	
Academy or LA maintained	
Academy / trust name	

Car park	
Does the school car park have wheelchair access (dropped kerbs) to the pavement?	
How many disabled parking bays do you have?	

General site access	
Is there level or ramped access to the main school building which is suitable for a wheelchair?	

Does the main school entrance have power assisted doors?	
Are there any other doors in the school with powered openers?	
How many classrooms does the school have in total?	
How many of these classrooms are accessible from the main entrance to the school building?	
How many classrooms are in external accommodation? (e.g. Elliott/Portakabin)	
How many of the external classrooms have ramped or level access suitable for wheelchair use?	

Toilets / Hygiene rooms	
Does the school have any accessible toilets and if so, how many? (See note 1 below)	
Do you consider the accessible toilets to be of an appropriate standard / compliant based on note 1 below?	

Does the school have a hygiene room with shower? (See note 2 below)	
Do you consider the hygiene room to be of an appropriate standard / compliant based on note 2 below?	
Are any of your accessible toilets / hygiene rooms equipped with height adjustable changing beds ?	

Hoists	
Does the school have any hoists and if so how many?	
Which rooms are the hoists situated in?	
Are the hoist(s) any of the following:	
Mobile (on wheels)	
Ceiling track hoist - fixed	

Ceiling track hoist – moveable (H track)	
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Specialist teaching equipment	
Does the school have any height adjustable desks?	
Does the school have any height adjustable science / DT equipment such as food technology?	
If yes to either of the above, please confirm which classroom types they are located in.	

Playground / playing field	
How many formal hard play areas does the school have?	
Do the hard play areas have level or ramped access?	
Does the school have its own playing field with level or ramped access?	

Does the school have an offsite playing field with level or ramped access?	
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Lifts

Does the school have any lifts which are either dedicated to wheelchairs or conventional passenger lifts, please confirm the type and number below:	
Fold up / down wheelchair stair lift	
Small vertical wheelchair platform lift (box type)	
Conventional passenger lift	
Are any of the above not able to cope with the weight of a disabled person and their wheelchair causing breakdowns?	

Hearing/Visual Impairment

Does the school have any of the following and approximate quantity of each (all, some, none)

Contrasting doorframes

Coloured handrails

Coloured steps

Tactile paving

Hearing loops

Soundfield systems

Accessibility plan / strategy



Does the school have an up to date Accessibility Plan?	
Please confirm the date of the last time the plan was reviewed / adopted?	
If you plan relates to more than one school site (MAT), do you have site specific action plans?	

Form completed by (print name)	
Job role/ title	
Signature	
Date	

**Note 1** Compliant accessible toilet – this is a larger than normal toilet fitted with colour contrasting fixed and fold down handrails, low level sink fitted with lever taps, panic cord and easy locking door which generally opens outwards.

**Note 2** Hygiene room – this is a larger than normal accessible toilet fitted with equipment as per note 1 plus a shower and low level shower tray or wet floor.

Please return a completed copy to [SEND@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:SEND@cornwall.gov.uk)

Thank you