

# Oakdene Primary School



## Accessibility Plan

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## OAKDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

This Accessibility Plan has been drawn up in consultation with the Local Authority, pupils, parents, staff and governors of the school and covers the period from June 2020 - June 2023.

Oakdene Primary School was opened in 1973 and an additional classroom was built in 2009. An ICT Suite was added in 2003. The front of the School was extended and re-modelled in 2010. Outside there are two hard play areas and a field. There are areas of grassed embankment to the play areas.

At present the School does not have any Children or Adults with physical disabilities or visual impairment. A number of children have sensory issues and need specialist care within the school environment.

The attached sheets record the results of the School Accessibility Audit undertaken in 2020. It highlights issues that need to be addressed by the Governing Body and an action plan has been drawn up.

1. We are committed to providing a fully accessible environment which values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional, religious and cultural needs. We are committed to challenging negative attitudes about disability and accessibility and to developing a culture of awareness, tolerance and inclusion.
2. Oakdene Primary School plans, over time, to increase the accessibility of provision for all pupils, staff and visitors to the school. The Accessibility Plan will contain relevant actions to:
  - Improve access to the **physical environment** of the school, adding specialist facilities as necessary. This covers improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education.
  - Increase access to the **curriculum** for pupils with a disability, expanding the curriculum as necessary to ensure that pupils with a disability are as equally prepared for life as are the able-bodied pupils; (If a school fails to do this they are in breach of the DDA). This covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits. It also covers the provision of specialist **aids and equipment**, which may assist these pupils in accessing the curriculum.
  - Improve the delivery of **written information** to pupils, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities. Examples might include handouts, timetables, textbooks and information about the school and school events. The information should be made available in various preferred formats within a reasonable time frame.
5. Attached are Action Plans, relating to these key aspects of accessibility. These plans will be reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis. New Plans will be drawn up every three years.
6. We acknowledge that there is a need for ongoing awareness raising and training for staff and governors in the matter of disability discrimination and the need to inform attitudes on this matter.
7. The Accessibility Plan should be read in conjunction with the following policies, strategies and documents:
  - Teaching and Learning Policy
  - Single Equality Policy
  - Health & Safety Policy
  - SEND Policy

- Behaviour Policy
- School Improvement Plan
- Asset Management Plan
- School Prospectus and Mission Statement

8. The Action Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of the School, undertaken regularly by the School. It may not be feasible to undertake some of the works during the life of this Accessibility Plan and therefore some items will roll forward into subsequent plans. The audit will need to be revisited prior to the end of each first three-year plan period in order to inform the development of the new Plan for the following period.
9. As policies are reviewed, a section relating to access will be added to that on Equality and Diversity.
10. The School Prospectus will make reference to this Accessibility Plan.
11. The School's complaints procedure covers the Accessibility Plan.
12. The Plan will be monitored through the Resources Committee of the Governing Body.
13. The plan will be distributed to Parents via the School Website: ([www.oakdenprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.oakdenprimaryschool.co.uk)).
14. The Plan will be monitored by Ofsted as part of their inspection cycle.

**Oakdene Primary School**  
**Accessibility Plan Action Plan**  
**Review 2017 - 2020**

To improve the environment of the school to increase the extent to which all pupils and prospective pupils can take advantage of education and associated services.						
<u>Target</u>	<u>Strategy / Action</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Lead People</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Achievement</u>	<u>Review</u>
A number of doors to have wheelchair access if a child with disabilities is admitted to Oakdene	Work with LA to ensure all doors are accessible to wheelchair users	LA funding when required	HL St Helens Council	As necessary	Children able to access appropriate classrooms	To work with Property Services as required.
Develop safer access to school grounds.	Use Lottery Funding to provide safe access to school. Astro turf by Junior playground.	Lottery Funding	HL JMC	Sept 2017 - July 2020	Parents and children able to access school in a safer environment.	Lottery bid pending. Additional Lottery bid successful so this project delayed. Also delayed due to Covid 19,
Develop School grounds to enhance sensory learning for all children	Planting areas to enhance smell, touch and taste (herbs etc). Eco Council to lead	Friends	CH Eco Council	From Spring 2018	Children use school grounds to develop sensory experiences.	Eco Council started work. Delayed due to Covid 19.

To improve access to aid and support the children in becoming independent learners across the curriculum						
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Out of school activities planned to ensure the participation of all pupils across age ranges and needs.	Target specific groups of children to attend activities	Sports Premium; Staff Time Sports Coach	JB	From Sept 2017 - July 2018	Wide range of children access all out of school activities. . SEND children supported in activities.	JB left school. AH / CHu continued this project. Started and continuing.
Further develop a growth mindset approach to learning to develop independence	Further training to staff on developing independent learners	INSET time Supply costs	HL, MW, CB, JB	From Sept 2017 - July 2018	Children able to use a wide range of strategies during their learning. Growth mindset vocabulary used across the school by all staff and children.	Due to new Curriculum, this put in hold until Sept 20. Will be further delayed due to Covid 19.

To provide training for staff in the identification and teaching of children with specific learning difficulties						
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Training for Staff on ASD	LASC to provide INSET sessions on ASD - identification and teaching	LASC team INSET time	JB	Summer Term 2017	Staff are better able to deliver curriculum and deal with issues around ASD	Completed.
Individual training needs for staff	Training provided through Teaching School and other providers as and when necessary	Budget (training)	MW JB	From Aut 2017 - ongoing	Staff are better able to deliver curriculum and deal with issues	Completed and on-going
As new children enter school any training to be provided for different issues	Training provided through Teaching School and other providers as and when necessary	Budget (training)	MW JB	From Aut 2017 - ongoing	Staff are better able to deliver curriculum and deal with issues	Completed and on-going

To improve the delivery of information to Parents of disabled children and for parents who have a disability themselves.						
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Availability of written material in alternative	The school will make itself aware of the services	Time	HL JMC	As and when required	Delivery of information to disabled pupils	Not needed yet.

formats	available through the LEA for converting written information into alternative formats.				improved	
Make available school brochures, school newsletters and other information for parents in alternative formats	Review all current school publications and promote the availability in different formats for those that require it	Time	HL JMC	As and when required	Delivery of school information to parents and the local community improved	Not needed yet.
Review documentation with a view of ensuring accessibility for pupils with visual impairment	Get advice from HVSS on alternative formats and use of IT software to produce customized materials.	Time / possible braille machine	HL JMC	As and when required	Delivery of school information to pupils & parents with visual diffs improved.	Reviewed for Dyslexic children and appropriate resources provided.

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Develop safer access to school grounds.	Use Lottery Funding / Friends Association funding to provide safe access to school. Astro turf or play surface incorporating gym	Lottery Funding / Friends Association Funding.	HL AM	Sept 2020 - Aug 2021	Parents and children able to access school in a safer environment.	

	equipment by Junior playground					
Develop School grounds to enhance sensory learning for all children	Planting areas to enhance smell, touch and taste (herbs etc). Eco Council to lead.	Friends	Staff member lead on Eco Council. AH Eco Council	From Sept 2020	Children use school grounds to develop sensory experiences.	
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Following the global pandemic, develop a more resilient approach for children with their learning (interrupted by Covid 19) and develop problem solving and a holistic approach to school life.	Use of mental health and well being sessions for all classes. Use of PSHE lessons to develop resilience, problem solving and holistic approach (incorporating many aspects of the wider school curriculum)	PSHE resources. Resilience resources. Use of free PATHs resources provided through St. Helens Council during lockdown.	HL RW CHu	From June 2020 - ongoing	Children feel safe to be back at school and show a resilient attitude to learning once again.	
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