



HIGHCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

CONTEXT

This document sets out the aims and plans for the development of accessibility at Highcliffe Primary School for children and adults with a variety of disabilities.

AIMS

At Highcliffe Primary School, we aim:

- to provide a happy, caring and stimulating environment in which all our pupils are motivated to work hard in order to reach their full potential through a challenging curriculum;
- to help all pupils develop lively, enquiring minds, equipping them with the ability to reason and question;
- to help all pupils acquire knowledge and skills needed in a fast changing world giving special attention to literacy, mathematical and scientific ability and ICT skills.
- to encourage care and respect for other people, their faiths and traditions.

Our aims will be achieved by:

- Providing quality teaching and learning
- Providing equality of opportunity for all
- Respecting and caring for everyone
- Enabling access to a wide carefully planned balanced curriculum, catering for all needs
- Using our resources wisely
- Working towards independence in thought and action
- Developing positive relationships with parents and communicating effectively with home
- Playing an active role in the community that we serve
- Providing a clean, safe and attractive environment
- Expecting high standards in behaviour and learning

SCHOOL BUILDING

Highcliffe Primary School is comprised of the following buildings and amenities:

Elmfield and Greengate buildings

- Greengate building comprises of the main office, 4 classrooms, a hall, kitchens and a double mobile providing two further classrooms. An annexe accessed from a separate entrance from the pavement or through the hall houses Acorns Pre School
 - ramp access to the mobiles
 - disabled parking space
 - limited disabled access to the front of the building
- Elmfield Building comprises of 2 Foundation stage classrooms and 6 classrooms housing years 1-3 in the main building.
 - multi-access toilet facilities
 - walk in shower
- All classrooms have ICT equipment.
- All classrooms are carpeted.
- Emergency Exit signage in place throughout the buildings

Travel around and between the two buildings

- Ramped access from Greengate Car Park to Acorn Playgroup and Community Wing
- Ramped access from Greengate Hall to/from Acorn Playgroup and Community wing
- Ramped access from the Middle Playground to Greengate Area A.
- Ramped access from Top playground leading to an entrance ramp at Elmfield lower level and hall
- Ramped access from Elmfield Avenue into Elmfield upper level.
- Pathway leading from Greengate Lane to top playground
- Rails alongside internal and external steps
- White lines on steps around school.

Highcliffe has not been designated a disability friendly site due to the difficulties in travelling from Greengate to Elmfield side of school.

FURTHER PROVISIONS AVAILABLE

In the event of a pupil, parent or staff member with a mobility, visual or hearing impairment needing further access to our school, additional provision could be put in place:

- Access could be arranged to multi-access toilet
- Furniture in the classroom could be arranged according to specific needs
- The use of specialised ICT equipment would be investigated
- Emailed and written communications would be made in appropriately sized font
- Disabled car parking bay at entrance to school.
- A wheelchair route could be identified for a fixed period

PLANNING FOR ACCESSIBILITY

Actions have been outlined on the following pages and will be monitored over time

The next Accessibility Plan will be published following the completion of the new build.

We are committed to making our school as accessible as possible.