



The Roundhill Academy

Accessibility Policy

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Date approved by Headteacher	September 2024
Date of next Review	Summer term 2026

1. Aims

Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. The purpose of the plan is to:

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

The Trust aims to treat all its pupils fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all pupils without discrimination of any kind.

Our school values are to Nurture, Enrich and Inspire. We aim to be as inclusive as possible within the physical remit of the building.

The plan will be made available online on the school website, and paper copies are available upon request.

Our school is also committed to ensuring staff are trained in equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010, including understanding disability issues.

The school supports any available partnerships to develop and implement the plan.

Our school's complaints procedure covers the accessibility plan. If you have any concerns relating to accessibility in school, this procedure sets out the process for raising these concerns.

2. Legislation and guidance

This document meets the requirements of [schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010](#) and the Department for Education (DfE) [guidance for schools on the Equality Act 2010](#).

The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' adverse effect on his or her ability to undertake normal day to day activities.

Under the [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#), 'long-term' is defined as 'a year or more' and 'substantial' is defined as 'more than minor or trivial'. The definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, and cancer.

Schools are required to make 'reasonable adjustments' for pupils with disabilities under the Equality Act 2010, to alleviate any substantial disadvantage that a disabled pupil faces in comparison with non-disabled pupils. This can include, for example, the provision of an auxiliary aid or adjustments to premises.

3. Purpose

The plan sets out proposals to increase access to education for disabled pupils in the 3 areas required areas as stated in the planning duties in the act:

- Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum
- Improve access to the physical environment of the school
- Improve the delivery of the information

The Trust also recognises its responsibility towards disabled staff and will:

- Monitor recruitment procedures to ensure that all people with disability are given equal opportunities
- Ensure that staff with disabilities are supported with special provision to ensure that they can work effectively
- Where necessary, make reasonable adjustment to enable staff to fully access the workplace.

4. Overall Strategy

We aim over time to increase the accessibility of provision for all students, staff and visitors including those with disabilities. Our strategies include:

- setting admission criteria which does not discriminate against students with disabilities or treat them unfairly
- having high expectations of all students be they disabled or able bodied
- finding ways in which all students can take part in the full curriculum including sport, music, and other co-curricular activities
- planning out-of-school activities including all school trips so that students with disabilities can participate
- devising teaching strategies which will remove barriers to learning and participation for students with disabilities
- planning the improvement and the modification of the physical environment of the school to cater for the needs of students with disabilities as resources allow
- raising awareness of disability amongst all school staff
- providing written information for students with disabilities in a form which is user friendly
- using language which does not offend in all literature and making staff and students aware of the importance of such language
- introducing whole school use of electronic tablets to enable material to be viewed and heard in different formats thus improving access of materials for visually impaired, hearing-impaired pupils amongst others

It is important that regular monitoring occurs to ensure that pupils with disabilities are not being disadvantaged and that this will lead to action planning.

Strategy 1

Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum, it is our aim to:

1. Audit pupils, who require learning support, at the Induction Interview, to assess the differentiated resources available to them.
 - Provide training to all staff on the importance of the differentiation of the curriculum and its delivery within the classroom.
 - All departments to ensure that schemes of work have clear differentiation included
 - SENDCo to work closely with Heads of Department and teachers to ensure that all lessons are accessible to all pupils
 - Teaching staff to liaise with SENDCo and Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) prior to lessons so that support is fully utilised.

2. Ensure equal access for disabled pupils to co-curricular activities and school visits.
 - Risk assessment and planning of trips to include accessibility references
 - Analyse co-curricular activities to ensure inclusion of pupils with disability and on the SEND List and those who have an Education Health and Care Plan
3. Ensure that all pupils feel supported and included within the school.

Strategy 2

Improving access to the physical environment of the school.

This is to enhance the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of the educational opportunities within the school.

It is our aim to enhance physical access and improve accessibility where possible in the context of the above statement.

We will carry out an biannual access audit to inform improvement of the physical environment of the school.

We will take account of the needs of pupils and visitors with physical difficulties and sensory impairments when planning and undertaking future improvements and refurbishments of the site and premises, to include improved access, lighting, acoustic enhancement and colour schemes and more accessible facilities and fittings.

We aim to improve the following over time within constraints on resources:

1. Access to/from the school:
 - Provide more designated disabled parking spaces
 - Install ramps next to existing steps where appropriate to improve pedestrian and wheelchair access
2. Lighting
 - Provide adequate lighting in all areas of the school environment
3. Toilets
 - To have sufficient disabled toilets available along with appropriate hand washing facilities.
4. Lifts
 - Lifts to be provided in all new buildings

Strategy 3

Improving the delivery of information (to disabled pupils and parents). We aim to:

- Provide written materials in alternative formats as requested, for example we can provide large print copies of appropriate school documents if requested, as communicated at the start of any pupil's attendance at the school.

5. Action plan

This action plan sets out the aims of our accessibility plan in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

Aim	Current good practice Include established practice and practice under development	Objectives State short, medium, and long-term objectives	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by	Success criteria
Increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability	Our school offers a broad and balanced curriculum for all pupils.	Short term: adopt the use of reading rulers for all year 7 students	Reading rulers issued to all year 7 students.	RDA	September 24	All year 7 students will have reading rulers as part of daily equipment
	We adapt resources to the needs of pupils who require support to access the curriculum. This includes making IT available to those students who need it. Assistive technology development in its infancy.		Staff to ensure all year 7 students are using reading rulers.	All staff	September 24	
	Curriculum progress is tracked for all pupils, including those with a disability.		QA of reading activities to ensure they are in use.	RDA/SLT	Christmas 24	All year 7 students will use reading rulers whilst completing reading activities across the curriculum
	Targets are set effectively and are appropriate for	Long term: develop use of assistive technology in classrooms and for exams.	Identify assistive technologies available with current IT provision.	SAU/ Darren John	Spring 25	QA reporting will identify use of reading rulers Staff will know assistive technology available

	<p>pupils with additional needs.</p> <p>The curriculum is reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of all pupils.</p> <p>Regular and appropriate information and guidance is shared with staff to ensure pupils with additional needs make progress.</p> <p>Staff CPD is relevant and targeted to the needs of pupils in the school.</p> <p>Enhanced transition activities take place for pupils with needs.</p> <p>The support of external services is sought where necessary.</p>		<p>Identify and cost additional assistive technologies available on the market.</p> <p>Develop training programmes for staff to use assistive technologies.</p>	<p>SAU/ Darren John</p> <p>SAU/ JBY/ JLO?</p>	<p>Summer 25</p> <p>Summer 25</p>	<p>Staff will adopt the use of assistive technologies</p> <p>Students will increasingly use assistive technologies</p>
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Improve the delivery of information to pupils with a disability	<p>Explain your school's approach here. Example: Our school uses a range of communication methods to ensure information is accessible. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal signage • Large print resources • Braille • Induction loops • Pictorial or symbolic representations 	<p>In the short term we plan to review our internal signage to ensure that it is visible and consistent.</p> <p>For students who require large print, we will ensure that texts are printed in advance of lessons.</p>	<p>Liaise with premises to ensure signage is updated</p> <p>Continue to liaise with staff and ensure provision is in place to support visually impaired students.</p>	<p>NT/WB</p> <p>NT/SA</p>	<p>End of academic year 2024/25</p>	<p>All signage updated and visible to all.</p> <p>All classroom resources accessible to all.</p>
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6. Monitoring arrangements

This document will be reviewed every 2 years but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary.

It will be approved by the Headteacher and Trust Board.

7. Links with other policies

This accessibility plan is linked to the following policies and documents:

- Risk assessment policy
- Health and safety policy
- Equality information and objectives (public sector equality duty) statement for publication
- Special educational needs (SEN) information report
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy

Appendix 1: Accessibility audit

The table below contains some examples of features you might assess as part of an audit of the school's physical environment. It is not an exhaustive list and should be adapted to suit your own context.

Feature	Description	Actions to be taken	Person responsible	Date to complete actions by
Number of storeys	Two story Evac mats available if required	N/A	Office Manager responsible for training	N/A
Corridor access	Limited access	No action planned		
Lifts	None	N/A		
Parking bays	Two available	Move bins to ensure access	Estates responsible for maintaining accessibility and marking	October 2024
Entrances	All entrances are via steps	None		
Ramps	None accessible ramps on site without assistance	None		
Toilets	Disable toilets in main reception area; fitness suite, MSCIP and Music	None		
Reception area	Inaccessible as currently has steps only	None		
Internal signage	Sufficient Signage in place	Update all signage	Estates	End of academic year 2024/25

Emergency escape routes	Marked	Actions to be illuminated for visually impaired.	Estates	
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