



Carnforth Christ Church C of E Primary School

Accessibility Plan September 2022

Carnforth Christ Church C of E Primary School is a vibrant, stimulating and caring educational community which exists to celebrate the uniqueness of every person, made as they are in the image and likeness of God.

The school's Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, SENDCo, is Mrs Clare Thomson with support from Mrs Catherine Prince (Headteacher) and Mr Paul Threlfall (SEND Governor).

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Aims of the Accessibility Plan

This plan outlines how Carnforth Christ Church C of E Primary School aims to improve access to education for pupils with disabilities as required by the planning duties in the Equality Act 2010.

A person has a disability if 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 for 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 body also recognises its responsibility 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 headteacher and other relevant staff members
- 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.

The Accessibility Audit

- i. The governing body will undertake a regular Accessibility Audit
- ii. The audit will cover the following three areas:
 - **Access to the curriculum** – the governing body 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 body 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 body will assess the extent to which pupils with disabilities can access information on an equal basis with their peers.
- iii. When conducting the audit, the governing body will consider all kinds of disabilities and impairments, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - **Ambulatory disabilities** – this includes pupils who use a wheelchair or mobility aid
 - **Dexterity disabilities** - this includes those whose everyday manual handling of objects and fixtures may be impaired
 - **Visual disabilities** - this includes those with visual impairments and sensitivities
 - **Auditory disabilities** – this includes those with hearing impairments and sensitivities
 - **Comprehension** – this includes hidden disabilities, such as autism and dyslexia
- iv. The findings from the audit will be used to identify short-, medium- and long-term actions to address specific gaps and improve access.
- v. All actions will be carried out in a reasonable timeframe, and after taking into account pupils' disabilities and the preferences of their parents.
- vi. The actions that will be undertaken are detailed in the following sections of this document.

Plan written by our SENDCO, Mrs Clare Thomson

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