

## LINWOOD SCHOOL ACCESSIBILITY PLAN JUNE 2022 – JUNE 2025

**Our vision is to create a community where everyone achieves and thrives so that all our students succeed through their education years and beyond.  
Everyone is valued within a safe and nurturing environment.  
All our students have full and equal access to an ambitious curriculum, rich learning experiences and high-quality personalised support.**

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## 1. Introduction

At Linwood School, across all campuses, we recognise the importance of our school values and these underpin and enhance all of the work we do. Our school values are:

Respect, trust, responsibility, harmony, excellence, support, inclusivity, positivity

All members of the school community including children/young people, staff, parents and partner agencies should:

- Be respectful, kind and polite
- Be inclusive, striving to ensure everyone in our school community is valued for their unique personality and contributions
- Strive for excellence in everything we do
- Conduct ourselves in a responsible manner and take responsibility for our actions
- Promote honesty, courtesy and trust in everything we do
- Encourage harmony based on kind, respectful and considerate relationships
- Actively support each other to create a positive, caring and effective learning environment

## 2. Aims

Under the Equality Act 2010 all schools are required 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

Linwood School seeks to review the accessibility of provision for all pupils, staff and visitors to the school, to improve the provision where there is scope for improvement and to respond to unforeseen needs as they arise by adapting and amending the Accessibility Plan. Our school aims to treat all pupils, staff and visitors fairly and with respect without

discrimination of any kind. We have included a range of stakeholders in the development of this accessibility plan, including pupils, parents, staff and governors of the school.

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

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 accessibility plan is an integral part of the SDIP and is structured to complement and support the school's Equality Objectives.

### **3. 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.

#### **4. Key Areas**

The following areas will be included in the Accessibility Plan:

- Increasing access for disabled students to the curriculum. This will include 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 the school. This will include improvements to the physical environment of the school and covers the provision of specialist or auxiliary and physical aids to learning
- Improving the delivery of written information to pupils, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities. This will include planning to make written information more accessible by taking into account the disabilities of recipients and their preferred formats

#### **5. Intended Outcomes:**

- Statutory requirements have been effectively adhered to
- Raised awareness of access for all
- The extent to which pupils with disabilities can effectively participate in the curriculum is maximised
- Physical access to the school premises is increased for all including pupils, staff, parents and visitors
- The delivery of information is improved and made increasingly accessible to a wider audience
- All maintenance and remedial work will show an awareness of equality/access issues
- Links to, and an awareness of and response to the Equality Act 2010 will be and demonstrated through an additional Equality Plan



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<b>6. Action Plan</b>					
Target	Strategies	Expected Outcome	Impact on Learners/Adults	Deadline/ Lead Responsibility	Monitoring/ Evaluation
<p><b>Access to Curriculum</b></p> <p>Create effective learning opportunities and environments for all</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Further promote QFT- strategies /resources</li> <li>-Ensure all classrooms and resources are organised in accordance with pupil need</li> <li>- Focussed Staff training – Pedagogical strategies, Mental health &amp; well being</li> <li>-Ongoing programme of staff training in disability awareness to reflect diverse needs of students – Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, Downs Syndrome, Tourettes, ASD.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Curriculum delivery meets the needs of all pupils</li> <li>-Personalised learning evident through planning and assessment</li> <li>-Personalised programmes in place for all pupils</li> <li>-Total communication approach embedded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Access to the curriculum is maximised for all pupils.</li> <li>-Pupils make exceptional progress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class teachers</li> <li>Communication coordinators</li> <li>Phase Leaders</li> <li>Speech and Language Therapists</li> </ul>	<p>Update September 2024:</p> <p>We continue to work on all of our classroom environments and outdoor learning spaces to ensure our students have a safe and suitable environment to develop their skills.</p> <p>Our induction programme has been redeveloped this academic year to ensure all staff receive the correct training. Our CPD working</p>



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<p>Ensure hearing and visual environment is regularly monitored to support HI and VI CYP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Total Communication approach adopted &amp; staff trained</li> <li>-Ensure pupils with speech, language and communication needs have appropriate methods of AAC</li> <li>- Ensure pupils have targeted support through therapy programmes and equipment which supports their physical and educational needs and improves outcomes</li> <li>-Seek support from LA HI and VI advisory teachers</li> <li>-Clear signage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Classrooms /areas meet the needs of pupils</li> <li>-Total communication approach embedded</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-All VI/HI children and young people have access to the environment/learning</li> </ul>	<p>HI/VI Services</p> <p>Speech and Language Therapy team</p> <p>Premises Manager</p>	<p>party continues to monitor and organise INSET and CPD.</p> <p>Our Whole School Target this year is focussed on Communication and part of this is the development of a Universal Offer with aided language sheets being used throughout the school with core and topic specific vocabulary.</p> <p>LA HI and VI specialist teachers continue to support individual students and the staff team as well</p>
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<p><b>Access to enrichment opportunities and extra-curricular activities</b></p> <p>Increased participation in extra-curricular school activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Audit participation in extra-curricular activities and identify any barriers.</li> <li>-Ensure school activities are accessible to all pupils/students.</li> <li>-Consider hosting events with partner schools</li> <li>-Seek advice re alternative accessible venues for residential trips.</li> <li>-Review use of Sports Premium, Pupil Premium and 16-19 Bursary to provide additional funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Increased breadth within the school curriculum</li> <li>-Increased competitive opportunities</li> <li>-Similar opportunities available for all Linwood learning sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Pupils entitlement met</li> <li>-Equality of opportunity for all children and young people across the school</li> </ul>	<p>PE Leaders</p> <p>Extended Services Leaders</p> <p>Team /Phase Leaders</p>	<p>The school has a wide variety of extra curriculum opportunities which support and enhance student progress.</p> <p>Residentials have been introduced at Year 6 – across all curriculum pathways – to provide an additional opportunity for personal development.</p> <p>We are looking at continuing to develop this in the coming academic year – 2024-2025 as part of our SDIP.</p>
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<p><b>Access to the Physical Environment</b></p> <p>Review of external/ internal environment to meet diverse needs of pupils, staff, parents and community users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Review personal emergency evacuation plans (PEEPS)</li> <li>-Review Fire Policy/Plan</li> <li>-Develop and implement Individual Risk assessments where appropriate</li> <li>-Review of switches/electronic badges for entry /exit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-All stakeholders able to access/exit all areas of the site easily and safely with as much independence as safely possible</li> <li>-School security enhanced further</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pupils, staff, parents and community users. safe</li> <li>-Pupil needs met</li> </ul>	<p>DSL</p> <p>Health and Safety Leaders</p> <p>Premises Manager</p>	<p>September 2024 update:</p> <p>An electronic sign in system has been introduced across Linwood. Springwood and Summerwood. Site security is also being reviewed in line with DfE guidance published July 2024.</p>
<p><b>Access to Information</b></p> <p>Seek to broaden and strengthen our commitment to quality communication with all stakeholders</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Review accessibility of newsletter/ letters</li> <li>-Redesign website</li> <li>-Reference to the Disability Equality/</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Communications available to stakeholders in a range of formats, responding to need</li> <li>-All parents receive information in a form that they can access</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Pupils informed of news and key events</li> <li>-Parents up to date with news and key events</li> </ul>	<p>Website Co-ordinator</p> <p>School Business Manger</p> <p>SMLT</p>	<p>The website was redesigned and launched in January 2024. Our Communication target will also help us to focus on and adapt our practices in response to staff</p>

	<p>Accessibility Plan is made on Website</p> <p>-Use in house skills of staff for translation</p> <p>Signpost parents to SENDIASS, Parent Carer Forum, Local Offer and include links on website.</p>	<p>-All parents can extract and understand what the key headlines are</p>			<p>and parent/ family surveys.</p>
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## 6. Monitoring arrangements

This document will be reviewed every year, but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary.

It will be approved by the Governing 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
- Special educational needs (SEN) information report
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy