

Park Hill Thorns Federation Accessibility Plan

January 2026

Target	Tasks	Timescale	Resources	Responsibility	Monitoring
Policies and Information Distribution					
Accessibility Plan Equality Statement becomes an annual agenda item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to Governors to add to list of required publication details 	Every January	Time from SBM and SENCO Leads	SBM and SENCO Leads	Governors
Make available school brochures, school newsletters and other information for parents/carers in alternative formats.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review all current school publications and promote the availability in different formats for those that require it. • School to make itself aware of the services through the LA for converting written information into alternative formats • Monitor uptake of documents in alternative formats 	On going		All staff SBM	Deputy Headteachers
Availability of written materials in alternative languages – school information will be available for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school will use information and translations provided by the EAL Team • School website has functionality to do google translate 	On going		Learning Mentor SBM	Deputy Headteachers

Training to raise awareness of equality and disability issues to result in whole school community awareness of issues relating to Access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss perception of issues with staff/governors to determine the current status of the school Provide information for governors, staff, pupils and parents twice yearly which may include staff training, curriculum sessions, special events and/or speakers 	Training to be on going	Training	SLT	SLT
Ensure all policies consider the implications of Disability Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse the impact of the Behaviour Policy, Anti-Bullying Policy, Educational Visits Policy, Homework Policy and the Policy on Supporting Pupils in School with Medical Conditions. 	As policies are reviewed		Executive Headteacher and Deputy Headteachers	Governors
Policies reflect and adhere to current legislation by the reviewing of Inclusion and Equal Opportunities for recorded evidence of how staff provide access in all areas to all pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review polices with staff and governors Clerk to Governors to add to list of required publication details 	Annually	Time to monitor and review policies	Author of policies	Governors

Premises					
Ensure that all areas of the school building and grounds are accessibility for all children and adults and to continue to improve the access of the physical environment for all	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of School and Assistant Heads and School Business Manager to audit the accessibility of the school buildings and grounds. Information to be shared with the FGB Action plan to be drafted to work alongside this document Review Personal Evacuation Plans Improve/review signage around the buildings Review film on classroom windows 	<p>On going</p> <p>Every September</p> <p>On going</p> <p>Every Summer term</p>	<p>Funding to make adaptations to building and grounds</p> <p>Design new signs</p> <p>Funding for adaptations</p>	<p>SBM, SLT and Governors</p> <p>All staff</p> <p>Learning Mentor and SBM</p> <p>SENCO and SBM</p>	<p>SBM, SLT and Governors</p> <p>SBM</p> <p>SBM</p> <p>SENCO and SBM</p>
To continue improving communication for any hearing impaired member of the school community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with IDS to improve the acoustics within the building Install new panelling in classrooms Review need for Sound Field Systems within classrooms Hire equipment to help with hearing impairments 	<p>On going</p> <p>Review every summer term</p>	<p>Funding where needed</p>	<p>SENCO and SBM</p>	<p>SENCO and SBM</p>
Training					
All staff are trained and confident with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the needs of children with specific issues 	Every September	SENCO time	SENCO	Executive Head

issues linked to accessibility and inclusivity with regards to accessing the curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide all with relevant training. Specific training 2 x yearly SEN audit to identify training needs 	and on going Twice a year	Training budget and SENCO cover	SLT	Executive Head
Curriculum and Activities					
All out of school activities will be conducted in an inclusive environment with providers that comply with all current and future legislative requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review all out of school provisions to ensure compliance with legislation 	On going	Educational Visits Co-ordinator to review trips with Class Teachers	EVC	EVC
Create effective learning environments for all utilising feedback from pupils, teachers and specialists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review classroom layouts ensuring that they are optimally organised Review the furniture and equipment used – does it support the learning process in individual class bases Review accessibility of computers / ipads / laptops / interactive boards Involve pupils to review hard and software used in school 	On going	Costs will depend on annual reviews	All staff	<p>Deputy Headteachers, through lesson observations and sampling lesson planning</p> <p>SLT and Governors</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate “Reasonable Adjustments” Classroom Checklist to all staff. Ensure all classrooms and resources are organised in accordance with pupil needs. 				
Lessons will start on time without the need to make adjustment the needs of individual pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce responsibilities of all teachers as outlined in the National Curriculum Inclusion Statement 	On going		All staff	SLT through observations
All pupils will have their individual needs met, and any barriers to achieving their full potential will be removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of School and Assistant Heads will ensure appropriate test papers and reports are provided in order to apply for access arrangements 				
Increase participation in school activities so all pupils have their needs met	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual audit of participation in extra-curricular activities and identify barriers 	Termly	Review club lists	Deputy Headteachers	Deputy Headteachers
Attitudes					
Promote positive attitudes to disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review PSHE Curriculum • Review Assembly Programme 	Every 3 year policy review		Executive Head and SLT	Governors

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review local disability groups in assemblies and visits to schools• Items for the newsletter highlighting achievements for pupils with disabilities				
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Reasonable adjustments in the classroom: a check list

This is not an exhaustive list of every aspect of planning, it is a list of practical classroom arrangements that some teachers found useful in thinking of a range of adjustments they might want to make.

1. Pre-planning information.

- Have you been given information on the nature and degree of impairment and the access needs of the disabled pupils in the class?
- Have you been shown or do you know how these disabled pupils access needs and personal care needs will be met in the class?
- If you don't know how the disabled pupils needs will/can be met seek advice from: SENCO, Federation Head or from other agencies such as Educational Psychologists, SEND Supported or Health Professionals

2. What preparation have you made with the class/ group for:

- one to one peer support
- selecting partners for all children
- group work
- valuing difference of race, gender, ethnicity, disability or religion
- How do you ensure that mutual respect is encouraged within your classroom? Are you clear about how to deal with bullying and harassment in the class?

3. Lesson planning: how will you support the needs of all learners?

Consider:

The 5 phases of the lesson:

- transition
- Delivering and receiving instructions
- Individuals working as a class
- Individuals fitting into a group
- The last 5 minutes
- Are you able to access specially adapted equipment for some students to enable them to participate fully? If not, can an alternative way be found?

4. Prepared materials

- Are written materials accessible to all: formats; readability; length; content?
- Scaffolding [practical materials] e.g. writing frames, pictograms, sounds, pictures, objects, artefacts, word lists, number lines, etc, are they accessible to all?
- Appropriate use of augmented communication and ICT

5. Self Presentation

- Have you thought about how you will: react to situations of stress, humour, seriousness, embarrassing questions; offer encouragement to all; challenge the behaviour not the child?
- Are all the students aware that you might approach the behaviour of some students in a different manner to the rest of the class?
- How will you use your voice in the lesson, e.g.: volume, tone, and make sure all children are understanding you? • Where will you position yourself in the classroom and when?

6. Use of teaching assistants

- Have you met with or at least communicated with support staff before the lesson?
- If you are using support staff for withdrawal, how do you know the pupils are gaining from this?
- If you are using withdrawal, how are the groups organised?

7. Classroom organisation

- Is seating carefully planned and/or the activity accessible for pupils with:
 - mobility impairments e.g. circulation space, table height
 - hearing impairments e.g. sight line for lip reading/ interpreter/ no glare
 - visually impaired e.g. maximise residual sight, if touch can reach
 - pupils with challenging behaviour e.g. in adult gaze; at front for eye contact
 - pupils with short attention span/easily distracted, e.g.: sit on own
 - learning difficulties who need a lot of support, e.g.: next to peer supporter
 - short attention span, e.g.: distraction free zone
- What seating plans are you using and why?
- Will seating plans make use of peer support and how?
- Are you able to access specially adapted equipment for some students to enable them to participate fully? If not, can an alternative way be found?

8. How will you deal with unexpected incidents?

Are you aware of the systems for dealing with unexpected incidents, e.g.: evacuation, fainting or fits, incontinence, medical emergencies, meltdowns?

9. How will you ensure that all students feel equally valued through their experiences of:

- the allocation of teacher and support staff time;
- being listened to/ paid attention to;
- being respected;
- achieving;
- interacting with their peers.

10. How will you assess the outcomes?

- Do you have a scheme for assessing the achievements of all?
- Have you looked at alternative forms of assessment? e.g. video recording progress, peer evaluation, self-evaluation?
- How will you involve pupils in assessing their progress?