

St. Chad's C of E Primary & Nursery School Action Plan following the Accessibility Audit of 09/02/2015 undertaken by Direct Access Consultancy on behalf of the School.

This plan was formulated at an extraordinary meeting of the Building, Finance & Health and Safety Committee on Monday 23rd March 2015 and is updated as part of an ongoing program.

	Hazard	Action Required
1.	Barrier outside pedestrian entrance gate not colour contrasted against surroundings	Barrier belongs to the council - to be painted if possible
2.	Lack of seating with armrests within areas that parents pick up and drop off children.	Purchase when current benches require replacement.
5.	Hand rails to steps by infant door and to family room should be replaced with new oval profile type in accordance with BS8300.	To be purchased when present rails require replacement.
6.	The notice board to the right side of the entrance is positioned too high off the ground floor level for wheelchair users.	To be lowered at the time of replacement.
7.	The white external doors to the front left side entrance have handles that are not colour contrasted against the frames.	To be considered on replacement.
9.	The reception desk does not have colour contrast provided to the front to aid people with impaired vision.	Replace at next refurbishment.
10.	There is no induction loop provided to the reception to assist hearing aid users. The school does not have a minicom provided to accommodate hearing impaired people who are unable to use the telephone.	This is very costly. We have very few people who need to use such a facility we will consider the matter again should the need arise.

12.	Main Hall, ICT Suite & Family Room not accessible via step free access. Wheelchair users would have to be lifted.	When budget permits a further stair lift should be provided for the flight of 9No steps to the rear of the family room. This is low priority as access could be gained via the hall. The Fire service recommended that the school asks the disabled person how we can assist them in the event of a fire.
13.	Vision panels on entrance door to Y2 and Staff room are marginally too high.	Replace at next refurbishment.
14.	Internal double doors are not of sufficient width for a wheelchair user.	Replace with a door and a half system at next refurbishment.
15.	Various doors have knob style furniture, people with dexterity impairments can find these difficult to use.	Replace on refurbishment. Few remain.
16.	Numerous doors throughout the school have heavy opening pressures requiring more than 30 Newtons of force to open.	On replacement, bearing in mind that fire doors often have to be fitted and are of nature, heavier to open.
17.	The male staff/visitors WC has a tight lobby due to the size and positioning of the hand wash basin.	This is no longer an issue as toilets usage has been changed to 'Anyone'.
18.	The Junior boys' urinal does not have a grab rail to aid ambulant disabled persons.	The urinal will be removed on refurbishment and replaced with additional cubicles.
20.	Some classrooms have seating which is not greatly colour contrasted against the flooring to aid people with impaired vision.	A contrasting colour is being purchased on a rolling programme.
21.	There is no induction loop provided to the dining hall counter .	Purchase should this become necessary.
22.	The majority of light switch plates are not suitably colour contrasted against their background.	To be remedied on refurbishment.
23.	There are no visual fire alarms.	To be obtained when the system is upgraded.

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This plan is to be reviewed on a three yearly cycle, review is due in Summer 2028