**Accessibility Plan**

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1. This Accessibility Plan has been drawn up in consultation with the Local Authority, students, parents, staff and governors of the Academy and covers the period from January 2021 – January 2023.
2. We are committed to providing a fully accessible environment which values and includes all students, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs. We are committed to challenging negative attitudes about disability and accessibility and to developing a culture of awareness, tolerance and inclusion.
3. Bristnall Hall Academy plans to increase, over time, the accessibility of provision for all students, staff and visitors to the Academy. The Accessibility Plan will contain relevant actions to:

* Improve access to the **physical environment** of the Academy, adding specialist facilities as necessary. This covers improvements to the physical environment of the Academy and physical aids to access education.
* Increase access to the **curriculum** for students with a disability, expanding the curriculum as necessary to ensure that students with a disability are as, equally, prepared for life as are the able-bodied students; (If a school fails to do this they are in breach of the DDA). This covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the Academy such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or Academy visits. It also covers the provision of specialist **aids and equipment**, which may assist these students in accessing the curriculum.
* Improve the delivery of **written information** to students, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities. Examples might include handouts, timetables, textbooks and information about the Academy and Academy events. The information should be made available in various preferred formats within a reasonable time frame.

1. Attached are Action Plans, relating to these key aspects of accessibility. These plans will be reviewed and adjusted on an annual basis. New Plans will be drawn up every three years.
2. We acknowledge that there is a need for ongoing awareness raising and training for staff and governors in the matter of disability discrimination and the need to inform attitudes on this matter.
3. The Accessibility Plan should be read in conjunction with the following policies, strategies and documents:

* Curriculum
* Equal Opportunities and Diversity
* Staff Development
* Health & Safety (including off-site safety)
* Inclusion
* Special Needs
* Behaviour Management
* Academy Improvement Plan
* Asset Management Plan
* Academy Brochure and Mission Statement
* Teaching and Learning File
* Disability Equality Scheme

1. The Action Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of the Academy, which is undertaken regularly by the Local Authority. It may not be feasible to undertake some of the works during the life of this first Accessibility Plan and therefore some items will roll forward into subsequent plans. The audit will need to be revisited prior to the end of each first three-year plan period in order to inform the development of the new Plan for the following period.
2. As curriculum policies are reviewed, a section relating to access will be added to that on Equality and Diversity. The terms of reference for all governors’ committees will contain an item on “having regard to matters relating to Access”.
3. The Academy Brochure will make reference to this Accessibility Plan.
4. The Academy’s complaints procedure covers the Accessibility Plan.
5. Information about our Accessibility Plan will be published in the Governors’ Annual Report to Parents (statutory).
6. The Plan will be monitored through the Curriculum and the Premises Committees of the Governors.
7. The Academy will work in partnership with the local education authority in developing and implementing this plan.
8. The Plan will be monitored by Ofsted as part of their inspection cycle.

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**Improving the Physical Access at Bristnall Hall Academy**

An Access Audit was carried out by AHT, Health & Safety Plus Site Manager in January 2021 and a number of recommendations made:

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| Access Report Ref. | Item | Activity | Timescale | Cost  £ |
| 1 | Accessible car parking | Bays to be signed in accordance with Part M standards | Completed |  |
| 4 | Dropped kerbs either side of main vehicle entrance. | Pedestrian access | Completed |  |
| 6/11 | Doors | Anti-glare film to be applied to the doors | Completed and  On going |  |
| 32 | Staircases | Colour-contrasted handrails to both sides of staircases | In place |  |
| 32/2 | Doors at top of stairs to prevent wheelchair users accessing stair case. | Install doors | By |  |
| 29 | Accessible toilet | To provide one unisex accessible toilet in A Block | In place |  |
| 27/33 | Provision of a lift to access the upper floors | Lift to LRC  Lift in B Block | Discussion to be held with LA by |  |
| 18/20 | Provision of induction loops | Reception Hall B | By |  |
| 24 | Improve Reception facilities | The counter is lowered to a maximum height of 800mm, with knee-space under. | By |  |
| 31 | Light switches, power outlets and emergency alarm buttons | To be moved to wheelchair height, as money allows. | By |  |
| 29/3 | Adapted wash basins to be at wheelchair height with space under for wheelchair to allow user to get close to wash basin. | To be moved to wheelchair height, as money allows. | By |  |

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**Improving the Curriculum Access at Bristnall Hall Academy**

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| Target | Strategy | Outcome | Timeframe | Achievement |
| Training for teachers on differentiating the curriculum | Undertake an audit of staff training requirements | All teachers are able to more fully meet the requirements of disabled student’s needs with regards to accessing the curriculum | Academy Improvement CPD cycle | Increase in access to the National Curriculum |
| Training for teachers on differentiating the curriculum | Review the specific needs for students living with a disability, in terms of basic daily living skills, relationships and future aspirations. | Teachers are aware of the relevant issues and can ensure that this group has equality of access to life- preparation learning. The use of other professional partners has been made available. Improved option choice at key stage 4 | On going | Offer of Horticulture |
| All out-of-Academy activities are planned to ensure the participation of the whole range of students | Review all out-of-Academy provision to ensure compliance with legislation | All out-of-Academy activities will be conducted in an inclusive environment with providers that comply with all current and future legislative requirements | On going | Increase in access to all Academy activities for all disabled students |
| Classrooms are optimally organised to promote the participation and independence of all students | Review and implement a preferred layout of furniture and equipment to support the learning process in individual class bases | Lessons start on time without the need to make adjustments to accommodate the needs of individual students | On going | Increase in access to the National Curriculum |
| Training for Awareness Raising of Disability Issues | Provide training for governors, staff, students and parents  Discuss perception of issues with staff to determine the current status of Academy | Whole Academy community aware of issues relating to Access | On going  Academy Improvement  CPD Cycle | Society will benefit by a more inclusive Academy and social environment |

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**Improving the Delivery of Written Information at Bristnall Hall Academy**

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| TARGET | STRATEGY | OUTCOME | TIMEFRAME | ACHIEVEMENT |
| Availability of written material in alternative formats | The Academy will make itself aware of the services available through the LA for converting written information into alternative formats. | The Academy will be able to provide written information in different formats when required for individual purposes | In Place  On going | Delivery of information to disabled students improved |
| Make available Academy brochures, Academy newsletters and other information for parents in alternative formats | Review all current Academy publications and promote the availability in different formats for those that require it | All Academy information available for all | On going  As required | Delivery of Academy information to parents and the local community improved |
| Review documentation with a view of ensuring accessibility for students with visual impairment | Get advice from HVSS on alternative formats and use of IT software to produce customized materials. | All Academy information available for all | On going  As required | Delivery of Academy information to students and parents with visual difficulties improved. |
| Raise the awareness of adults working at and for the Academy on the importance of good communications systems. | Arrange training courses. | Awareness of target group raised | On going | Academy is more effective in meeting the needs of students. |