



“Unlocking the Future”

'A farmer went to sow his seeds' (Mark 4 3-8)

TKAT Accessibility Plan

Policy Level and Description:	1	<u>TKAT Statutory Policy</u> NO CHANGES TO THE CORE TEXT ALL Schools require a policy on this topic/area. Only changes to highlighted sections are allowed to the core text – changes will be limited to school name and very limited school-specific details - LGBs to adopt, implement and monitor this policy.	
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This is a Trust policy to be implemented by all schools within The Keys Academy Trust to ensure a consistent approach for all pupils and staff within the Trust.

We are a family of distinctive schools at the heart of the diverse communities we serve. In line with our Christian ethos, we aspire to excellent learning and pastoral care for pupils and staff and are committed to being open and welcoming to all.

1. Aims

Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 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

Our schools' aim, in line with our vision of providing an environment where everyone can grow and flourish, is to treat all its pupils fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all pupils without discrimination of any kind. Everyone in our school is important and included. Children are provided with high quality learning opportunities so that each child attains and achieves all that they are able to in order to Grow and Flourish (Mark 4: 3-8)

We promote an ethos of care and trust where every member of our school community feels that they truly belong and are valued. 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 school supports any available partnerships to develop and implement the plan.

We follow arrangements in line with The Key Academy Trust policy and procedures.

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

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

2. 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 they have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' adverse effect on their 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.

This policy complies with our funding agreement and articles of association.

3. Action plan

This action plan sets out the aims of our accessibility plan in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

1. Improving access to and participation within the curriculum

To increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum.
 Our aim at The Coombes is to reduce and eliminate barriers to access to the curriculum and to ensure full participation in the school community for pupils, and prospective pupils, with a disability.

Current Good Practice	Objectives	Strategy/Action	Person/s Responsible	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our school offers a curriculum that is delivered by highly skilled practitioners who build appropriate scaffolding for all pupils We use resources tailored to the needs of pupils who require support to access the curriculum Curriculum resources include examples of people with disabilities Curriculum progress is tracked for all pupils, including those with a disability Targets are set effectively and are appropriate for pupils with additional needs The curriculum is reviewed to ensure it meets the needs of all pupils 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure compliance with latest DDA and Code of Practice. All staff to know and understand the SMART targets for each EAL, PP or SEN child in their class and be putting required actions into place. Increase awareness and involvement of children and parents in disability issues. To include pupils with a disability, medical condition or other access needs as fully as possible in the wider curriculum including trips. To include pupils with a disability, medical condition or other access needs as fully as possible in extracurricular provision. To regularly review the curriculum and teaching plans to ensure children 	<p>Staff and governors informed of requirements and obligations of DDA and the Accessibility Plan via staff meetings, guidance notes and governor meetings.</p> <p>Learning walks, pupil progress meetings, inclusion meetings, book looks.</p> <p>Books and resources to reflect a more diverse community, including disabilities.</p> <p>4. Awareness raising events within school and the community such as highlighting and taking part in National days such as Autism awareness day, Developmental Language Disorder Day etc.</p> <p>5. Timetable of events drawn up to map out year</p> <p>6. Early planning and risk assessments for regular trips, to meet identified needs of cohorts who are in the school.</p> <p>7. Early planning and risk assessments for regular trips, to meet identified needs of cohorts who are in the school</p> <p>8. Annual training cycle that includes SEND and specific</p>	<p>Headteacher SLT SLT Headteacher/SLT SLT & Class Teachers 6. Headteacher/ Operations manager 7. SLT & Class Teacher & EVC 8. SLT 9. SENDCO</p>	<p>1. Ongoing 2. Termly 3. Ongoing 4. Annually 5. Ongoing 6. Ongoing 7. Ongoing 8. Ongoing 9. Annually</p>

	<p>have access to all parts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure there is a comprehensive CPD program which includes development of knowledge and sharing of information for staff on meeting specific identified needs 	<p>training as identified.</p>		
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Success Criteria

1. School complies with DDA and COP Requirements as judged through governor and SLT monitoring.
2. All IPPs to include SMART targets. Teachers and TAs are able to evidence to SLT how they are meeting/working on these targets. Evidence of pupil progress against their SMART targets and pupils at least maintaining their level as they move up through the school.
Disabled children within the school are included at break and lunch time and feel secure within their peer groups. Peer groups have knowledge and understanding of their peers with disabilities. Parents are involved in key decisions made by the school in relation to disabilities via the parent forum.
4. All pupils are accessing and experiencing the opportunities available.
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6. Any review that has happened meets the needs of the current cohort of children.
7. There are learning opportunities for staff who are designing curriculum areas, where pupils at the school have an identified need. The learning from these opportunities is shared with colleagues to promote awareness for all relevant staff.

2. Improving access to the physical environment

To improve the physical environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services.

Current Good Practice	Objectives	Strategy/Action	Person/s Responsible	Timescale
<p>The environment is set up to the needs of pupils as required. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ramps • Elevators • Corridor width • Disabled parking bays • Disabled toilets and changing facilities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equipment bought to set up new school takes disability into consideration including indoor and outdoor. 2. New school site continues to be fully accessible for all disabilities 3. Regular review of needs for current pupils 4. Personal evacuation plans completed for student and staff who are identified as requiring one 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. During purchasing of equipment and resources accessibility for all is taken into consideration and a key factor. 2. During school's continual set up in all areas of the school site checked for accessibility. 3. As school numbers increase continually review access arrangements for school EHCP plans to support 4. Liaise with parents and other healthcare staff to identify needs and put in place appropriate evacuation arrangements 5. Review swimming pool access for wheelchair users 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Headteacher, Site controller & Operations Manager 2. Headteacher, Site controller & Operations Manager 3. SLT and Class Teachers 4. SENDCO 	<p>Ongoing</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Children and staff with disabilities have the same opportunity to access equipment at school 2. Children, staff and visitors can access all areas of the school. 3. All pupils who require a PEEP, have an up to date and properly communicated PEEP which has been practiced to ensure it can be implemented successfully. 4. All pupils who require a PEEP, have an up to date and properly communicated PEEP which has been practiced to ensure it can be implemented successfully. 				

3. Improve the access and delivery of written information

To improve the delivery of information for disabled pupils and parents

Current Good Practice	Objectives	Strategy/Action	Person/s Responsible	Timescale
<p>Our School uses a range of communication methods to ensure information is accessible. This includes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal signage • Pictorial or symbolic representations 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. School looks into the purchasing of software to support children to access learning and are trained in systems ie. Communicate in Print 2. New signage around the school including visual clues to aid visually impaired and those that are EAL 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrange a meeting to focus on the visual cues in the classroom environment to ensure accessibility children with a range of learning / behavioral / physical needs. 2. During purchasing of signage, accessibility of all is taken into consideration and a key factor 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SLT 2. HT/Site Controller / Operations Manager 	

Success Criteria

1. Children with identified needs have a greater ability to access information.
2. Children, staff, and visitors can access all areas of the school and access information equitably.

4. Monitoring arrangements

This document will be reviewed every 3 years, but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary.

It will be approved by the Local Governing body and overseen by our Premises lead governor.

5. 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 (public sector equality duty) statement for publication
- Special educational needs (SEND) information report
- Supporting pupils with medical conditions policy
- Local Offer