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## Accessibility Policy and Plan

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At Ravenshall School our values reflect our commitment to a school where there are high expectations of everyone. Children are provided with high quality learning opportunities so that each child attains and achieves all that they are able to. Everyone in our school is important and included. We promote an ethos of care and trust where every member of our school community feels that they truly belong and are valued. We work hard to ensure there are no invisible children here, recognising everyone's uniqueness and success. We recognise learning in all its forms and are committed to nurturing lifelong learners. We are a safe school, committed to improving children's confidence and self-esteem. We know that safe and happy children achieve.

This Accessibility Plan is drawn up in compliance with current legislation and requirements as specified in Schedule 10, relating to Disability, of the Equality Act 2010. School Governors are accountable for ensuring the implementation, review and reporting of progress of the Accessibility Plan over a prescribed period.

Ravenshall School is a single story (PFI) building planned and built with wheelchair access a priority focus. There is wheelchair access to **all areas of the building and playground areas.**

The Equality Act 2010 replaced all existing equality legislation, including the Disability Discrimination Act. The effect of the law is the same as in the past, meaning that "schools cannot unlawfully discriminate against pupils because of sex, race, disability, religion or belief and sexual orientation".

According to the Equality Act 2010 a person has a disability if:

- (a) He or she has a physical or mental impairment, and
- (b) The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

The Accessibility Plan is structured to complement and support the school's Equality Objectives, and will similarly be published on the school website. We understand that the Local Authority will monitor the school's activity under the Equality Act 2010 (and in particular Schedule 10 regarding Accessibility) and will advise upon the compliance with that duty.

## Objectives

Ravenshall School is committed to providing an environment that enables full curriculum access that values and includes all pupils, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs. We are committed to taking positive action in the spirit of the Equality Act 2010 with regard to disability and to developing a culture of inclusion, support and awareness within the school.

The school recognises and values parent's knowledge of their child's disability and its effect on their ability to carry out everyday activities and respects the parent's and child's right to confidentiality.

The Ravenshall School Accessibility Plan shows how access is to be improved for disabled pupils, staff and visitors to the school within a given timeframe and anticipating the need to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate their needs where practicable.

The Accessibility Plan contains relevant and timely actions to:-

- Maintain access to the curriculum for pupils with a physical disability and/or sensory impairments, expanding the curriculum as necessary to ensure that pupils with a disability are as equally prepared for life as the able-bodied pupils; (If a school fails to do this they are in breach of their duties under the Equalities Act 2010); this covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or schools visits – it also covers the provision of specialist or auxiliary aids and equipment, which may assist these pupils in accessing the curriculum within a reasonable timeframe;
- Improve and maintain access to the physical environment of the school, adding specialist facilities as necessary – this covers improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education within a reasonable timeframe, for example possibly increasing the number of both static and mobile hoisting equipment if the need arises.
- Improve the delivery of written information to pupils, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities; examples might include hand-outs, timetables, textbooks and information about the school and school events; the information should be made available in various preferred formats within a reasonable timeframe.

The Ravenshall School Accessibility Plan relates to the key aspects of physical environment, curriculum and written information.

Whole school training will recognise the need to continue raising awareness for staff and governors on equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010.

This Accessibility Plan should be read in conjunction with the following school policies, strategies and documents:

- Behaviour Management Policy
- Curriculum Policies
- Emergency Plan
- Health & Safety Policy
- School Improvement Plan

- Special Educational Needs Policy
- Teaching and Learning Policy

The Accessibility Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of the School, which remains the responsibility of the governing body. It may not be feasible to undertake all of the works during the life of this accessibility plan and therefore some items will roll forward into subsequent plans. An accessibility audit will be completed by the school prior to the end of each period covering this plan in order to inform the development of a new Accessibility Plan for the ongoing period.

Equality Impact Assessments will be undertaken as and when school policies are reviewed. The terms of reference for all governors' committees will include the need to consider Equality and Diversity issues as required by the Equality Act 2010.

The Accessibility Plan will be published on the school website.

The Accessibility Plan will be monitored through the Governor Resource Committee.

The Accessibility Plan may be monitored by OFSTED during inspection processes in relation to Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

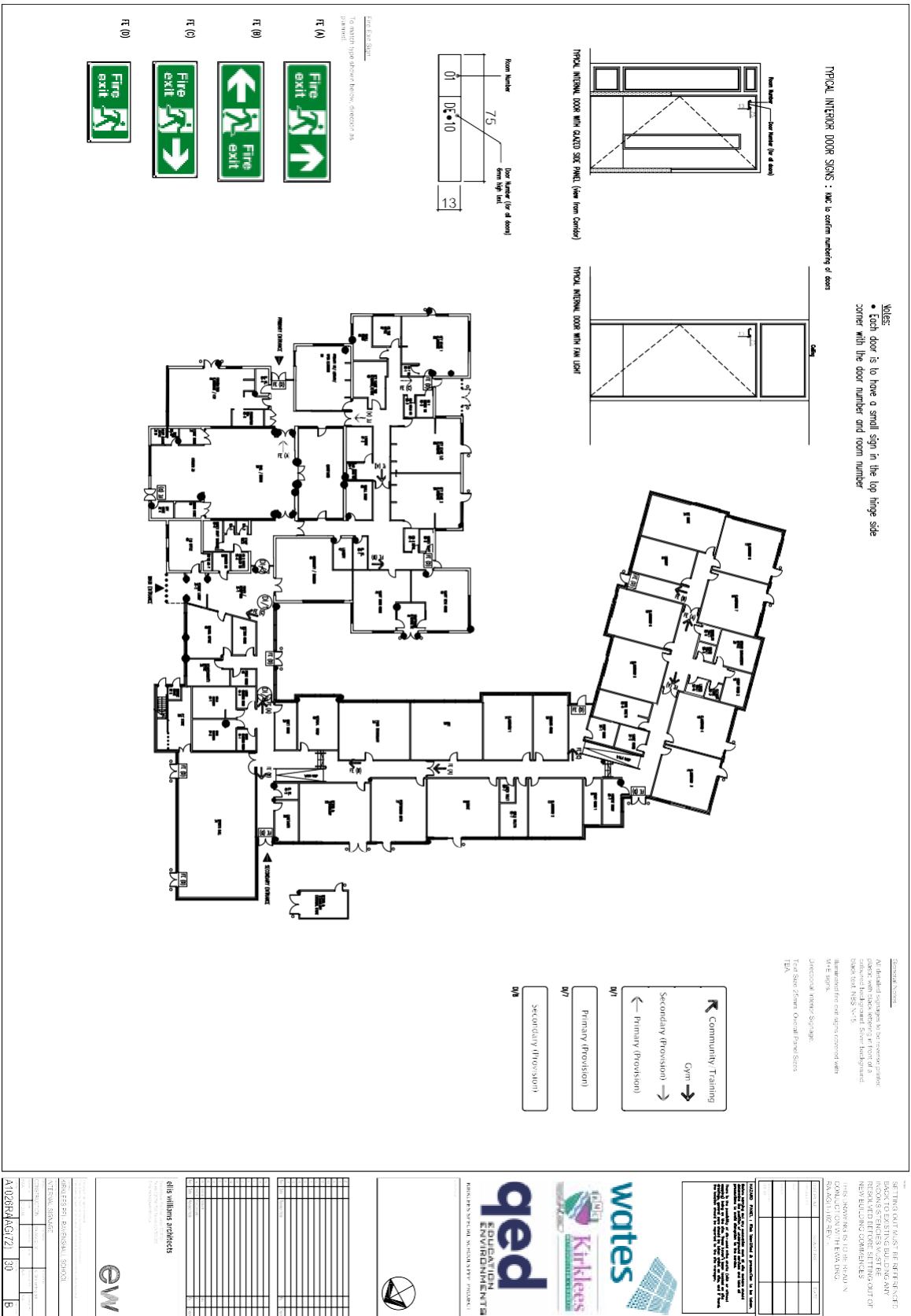
It is a requirement that the school's accessibility plan is resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised as necessary and reported on annually. Attached is a set of action plans showing how the school will address the priorities identified in the plan.

The priorities for the Accessibility Plan for our school were identified by:

- **Head Teacher**
- **Head of School**
- **Inclusion Leader**
- **School Business Manager**

<b>Change management log</b>		
<b>Version number</b>	<b>Changes</b>	<b>Date</b>
1.1	Reviewed policy, priorities and action	10.10.23

A plan of the school buildings showing areas of accessibility is shown below



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## ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

An Access Audit was carried out by the HT and SBM in Sep 2023. A number of recommendations were made as follows:

### Schedule 21: Action Plan A – Improving Physical Access

Ref	Question	Recommendations	Time Scale	Priority	Cost	Date Completed
2.1	Outdoor environment	To develop outdoor learning spaces to enable all children and young people to be able to access the spaces Including developing an accessible path in forest schools, installing gym equipment appropriate for all disabilities, install an accessible reading hut	Autumn term 2023	High	Forest path - £13,200 – grant funded £9,000 gym equipment – grant funded and reading hut £15,000 Friends of Ravenshall funded	December 2023
2.2	Primary outdoor environment	To develop a small forest school provision to be accessed as part of outdoor learning for primary aged pupils	Autumn term 2023	Medium	£1,000	October 2023
2.3	Corridor	Keep corridors clear from obstructions.	Immediate	High	None	Ongoing
2.4	Disabled parking	Spaces to be kept clear of non-disabled vehicles	Ongoing	Medium	None	Ongoing
2.5	Disabled Toilet	To be maintained to high hygiene standards	Ongoing	High	None	Ongoing
2.6	Changing and Shower facilities	To be maintained to high hygiene standards	Ongoing	High	None	Ongoing



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### Schedule 22: Action Plan B – Improving Curriculum Access

Ref	Question	Recommendations	Time Scale	Priority	Cost	Date Completed
3.1	Differentiation in Teaching	SLT to monitor quality of differentiation and marking	Ongoing	High	None	Ongoing
3.2	Interventions	Audit current interventions (RT) and their success/impact on progress. Data mapping (GO) to be used across all year groups	Ongoing	High	None	Ongoing
3.3	Progression frameworks	Ensure that progression frameworks are accessible to all learners, correctly and appropriately sequenced and available to all children and staff	Ongoing	High	None	Ongoing
3.4	Augmentative and alternative communication AAC	Ensure that AAC strategies and equipment is available to all learners that need to access it, review existing practice to ensure it meets the needs of learners	Ongoing	High	Cost of any additional ipads or software needed (£5,000)	Ongoing

3.5	Classrooms and curriculum activities are organised to promote the participation and independence of all pupils	Leadership Team member (GO) to scrutinise medium term planning to ensure that lessons are planned to meet the needs of all pupils in the class.	Ongoing	High	None	Ongoing
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### Schedule 23 Action Plan C – Improving the Delivery of Written Information

Ref	Question	Recommendations	Time Scale	Priority	Cost	Date Completed
1	Availability of written material in alternative formats when specifically requested	The school will make itself aware of the services available for converting written information into alternative formats.	Ongoing	High	Not applicable	Ongoing
2	Engaging with parents in different ways to breakdown any barriers to communication with families	Use of dojo to communicate more frequently Producing virtual newsletters to inform stakeholders on school activities Interactive school reports	Beginning Autumn 23- Summer 24	High	Time of staff	Ongoing
2	Review documentation on website to check accessibility for parents	The school will review formats publicised on school website – particularly for new parents to the school.	Ongoing	High	Not applicable	December 2023

