

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

MISSION STATEMENT

Christ is our teacher.

At St Bernard's we believe that all persons are created by God, unique and equal. We strive to create a caring Christian community in which we provide education based on Gospel values where all people reach their full potential. We aim to develop positive relationships with every individual and family, the parishes and the wider community.

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full"

John 10:10

Reviewed by:	S Graham, School Business Manager, October 2020
Reviewed by:	S Kent, Principal, October 2020
Approved by:	Austin Senior, Chair of Governors, 11 th November 2020
Signed:	Austin Senior, Chair of Governors

TIME FRAME:		
Short Term	20/21	<i>immediately if required</i>
Medium Term	21/22	<i>works to be brought forward</i>
Long Term	2023 onwards	<i>if assessed as required.</i>

Category	Targets	Comments	Strategies	Outcome	Time Frame			Goals Achieved
					Short	Medium	Long	
External Areas	Plans to improve pedestrian approach		Planned use of Delegated, Devolved and Capital funding where eligible to improve where practicable issues identified on the Access Audit	The pedestrian approach is accessible.				Main entrance fully accessible
	Provision of car parking for people with reduced mobility.		Planned use of Delegated, Devolved and Capital funding where eligible to improve where practicable issues identified on the Access Audit	A suitable car park facility will aid accessibility.				Spaces marked and available
	Plans to improve external routes including level changes	Routes generally accessible	Planned use of Delegated, Devolved and Capital funding where eligible to improve where practicable issues identified on the Access Audit	The necessary external routes will be accessible.				Key areas accessible
Entrances & Exits	Plans to make the Main Entrance into the building fully accessible.	Security on inner lobby doors	Planned use of Delegated, Devolved and Capital funding where eligible to improve where practicable issues identified on the Access Audit	The main entrance is fully accessible.				Main entrance accessible
	Plans to make other entrances and exits including internal doors accessible.	Some internal doors may need widening Work to be brought forward if required	Successful CIF Bid for Life and Fire Safety, works due to be completed by October 2019. All internal doors to be replaced making all doors Fire and DDA compliant.	Due to successful CIF Bid 18/19 all external entrances are now Fire and DDA compliant, including automation. (This does not include the Four Storey block and link corridor due to PSBP2) The four storey and Link are no longer used and currently being removed				All Internal doors are now DDA and Fire compliant, clearly identified Fire doors and all corridor doors are now hold open improving through flow of occupants

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Circulation Space	Plans to make corridors and activity spaces accessible addressing vertical movement & internal change	Internal level changes (steps). External access only to some ground floor areas	Planned use of Delegated, Devolved and Capital funding where eligible to improve where practicable issues identified on the Access Audit	Due to the successful PSBP2 Bid all external entrances will have level access. Circulation throughout school will be able to be accessed from level ground. - Access to MFL is accessible via 2 steps, look at the possibilities of incorporating a permanent ramp to this area if Practicable.				
Welfare Facilities	Provision of toilets for disabled people	Existing facility fully compliant in reception and sports hall other areas to be considered if required	Planned use of Delegated, Devolved and Capital funding where eligible to improve where practicable issues identified on the Access Audit	A suitable facility is available for visitors				Fully compliant facility
	Plans to make the staff room and kitchen areas accessible.	To be upgraded to meet requirements when required or refurbished	Planned use of Delegated, Devolved and Capital funding where eligible to improve where practicable issues identified on the Access Audit	The staff room and kitchen areas.				Fully compliant facility
Communication	Availability of written material in alternative formats	To be addressed at induction meetings with parents	Identify available services for converting written material into alternative formats.	Provision of written information in alternative formats if required.				Available if required on request
	Plans to provide hearing assistance equipment	To be provided as required	Identify requirements in conjunction with the Access Audit.	Provision of required equipment to assist hearing impaired people.				Equipment to be provided if required
Means of Escape	Plans to improve evacuation strategies for disabled people	Existing procedure covers disabled people	Identify requirements in conjunction with the Access Audit	Provision of necessary equipment and access to trained staff				Procedure in place

Prior to commencement, any work identified in this action plan will be discussed with the Building Manager to ensure compliance with current access standards.

