

Accessibility Plan Purpose

All academies within Academy Transformation Trust look to ensure that all our learners receive a high-quality education from expert staff and aspire to achieve the best they can, no matter their background or ability. We promote a fundamental belief in equality of opportunity in the classroom and throughout the Trust.

Our learners have safe, supportive learning environments in which they develop, grow, and challenge themselves. We are determined that our learners will receive the very best enrichment and opportunities to help them reach their full potential and ensure they are prepared for the future, wherever it might take them. Our support for all pupils within our care extends to those pupils with added needs that require assistance to help them fulfil their potential.

Academy Transformation Trust and their Academies are committed to providing a fully accessible environment which values and includes all pupils, staff, parents, carers, 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 want to develop a culture of inclusivity and tolerance through raising awareness, use of strengths-based language, accessibility, and education.

Academies are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. It is the responsibility of the SENDCO to complete or review this accessibility plan every year, overseen by the Principal of the Academy. The Academy plans to increase accessibility over time, working to ensure provision is accessible for all. The accessibility plan will include relevant actions to:

- Increase the extent to which pupils with disabilities can take part in the **curriculum**.
- Improve the **physical environment** of the school to enable pupils with disabilities to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities, and services provided.
- Improve the availability of **accessible information** to pupils with disabilities.

Our academy aims to treat all its pupils fairly and with respect. This involves providing access and opportunities for all pupils without discrimination of any kind. We have included a range of stakeholders in the development of this accessibility plan, including pupils, parents, staff, and governors of the academy.

Legislation

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 must make ‘reasonable adjustments’ for pupils with disabilities under the Equality Act 2010, to alleviate any substantial disadvantage that a pupil with disabilities faces in comparison with a pupil without disabilities. This can include, for example, the provision of auxiliary aids or adjustments to premises.

This policy follows our funding agreement and articles of association.

Accessibility Plan

Overarching aim	Aim	Current Good Practice	Strategies to continually improve accessibility	Responsibility	Date to complete actions by	Success Criteria
Increase the extent to which pupils with disabilities can take part in the curriculum	Our academy offers a differentiated curriculum for all pupils.	We have a private speech therapist who visits twice a week.	Ongoing and relevant whole staff training every week and throughout the year.	All staff.	September 2025	All pupils can access their learning as the required adaptations are in place, and pupils are provided with the correct resources. Teaching and support staff are confident in how best to support pupils in their care.
		We provide one-on-one interventions as well as	Use of provision map to ensure that interventions	Teaching and support staff	September 2025	Individual and group interventions have the desired impact on the

	Adaptive Teaching through 7Cs Judith Carter Model We use resources tailored to the needs of pupils who require support to access the curriculum.	group speech and language interventions. We incorporate Word Aware and Colourful Semantics throughout the school, and the EYFS programme utilizes the concept cat from the Word Aware program. Adaptive teaching is integrated into our approach.	are having a relevant impact for pupils. Structured staffing to ensure that the pupils are receiving the right support they need at the right time.	SENDCo to oversee. SLT	September 2025	pupils' progress towards their outcomes and achievements. Teaching staff and support staff are confident in the adaptive teaching approach.
	Curriculum resources include examples of people with disabilities.	Pupils in Reception are assessed using WELCOMM.	When a child enters Reception, they are assessed in WELCOMM. By the end of the year, they should achieve age-appropriate progress.	Speech and language	September 2025	Staff member is confident in assessing pupils in WELCOMM.
		We utilize WIDGET GO for selective pupils and communication in print across the entire school.	Widget Go is installed on two iPads, one in the Nurture room and one in Year 1.	Inclusion team	September 2025	Staff know how to use this and is confident. New staff will be taught how to access Widget go.
	Curriculum progress is tracked for all	We have access to a variety of assessments to	Staff will put progress of pupils onto FFT.	All staff.	September 2025	All staff confident in using FFT.

	pupils, including those with a disability. Targets are set effectively and are proper for pupils with additional needs.	track the progress of all pupils. We have a close working relationship with a range of outside agencies, including Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy (OT), and CADMUS Inclusion. We use their reports to track the progress of the pupils they see and to incorporate the targets they set into a holistic approach.	Staff to ensure targets and any additional support is put in place for the pupils in class and interventions. Continued of positive relationships with a range of professionals.	ALL Staff Inclusion team	September 2025	All pupils are given the correct support at the right time for the right amount of time. Relationships with other professionals remain strong, so we can call on them when advice is needed. Their advice is acted upon so pupils can get support when needed.
	The curriculum is reviewed to make sure it meets the needs of all pupils	We ensure that all pupils have equal opportunities to access enrichment activities. For example, school visits are capped at £10 per child. We also provide free breakfast and a range of after-school clubs for all pupils. Our teaching assistants provide support to pupils who need extra help in	Enrichment leads and teaching staff to check the accessibility of the visit and breakfast and after-school club. Ensure that staff read the pupils' Plan-Do-Reviews		September 2025	Teachers and support staff will check if places of visit and after-school clubs are accessible for all pupils. Enrichment leads should oversee this. Staff are confident in the Plan do reviews and will

	lessons to ensure that they reach their full potential.	and that members of the inclusion team inform relevant staff of any necessary adaptations.	Inclusion Team		read them to see what targets we can be put in place.
	We have a variety of resources available to help overcome barriers to learning, including privacy boards, pencil grips, chair bands, coloured paper, and overlays, as well as writing slopes.	Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to undertake regular lesson walks to ensure consistency across the academy.	SLT	September 2025	Senior leadership team (SLT) is confident in the consistency throughout the school.
	We use widget symbols to ensure consistency and support understanding across the school.	Subject leads to conduct a termly book review.	Subject leads	September 2025	Subject leads are confident in the consistency of the big books and exercise books.
	We have a nurture provision that offers support and resources for pupils who are unable to access the mainstream classroom.	The nurture staff are also part of the inclusion team. In nurture, we provide additional support for pupils in a smaller environment. We have a maximum of six pupils in nurture.	Inclusion team	September 2025	Staff in nurture are confident in all they do.

		One staff member is qualified to deliver ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support) every afternoon. This staff member is also qualified to deliver a bereavement program when needed.	The staff members deliver targeted programs to meet the needs of the pupils.	Inclusion team	September 2025	Staff member is confident in delivering programmes.
		The SENDCO Assistant has completed a dyslexia awareness course and can support teachers and staff to ensure pupils are supported in the correct ways. This member can also conduct visual stress assessments.	The staff members deliver targeted programs to meet the needs of the pupils.	Inclusion team	September 2025	Staff member is confident in delivering and supporting pupils and staff with dyslexia.
		Pupils know where to go if they would like to talk to a member of the safeguarding and inclusion team.	Ensure all pupils know where the relevant staff are they would like to talk to.	All pupils	September 2025	Pupils feel they have a voice that is acted upon and that there are staff that can be approached if they have a problem they wish to discuss or share. Pupils feel fully included and know they are valued members of North Walsall Primary Academy.

		We maintain a positive relationship with parents and carers. Wheelchair access is available throughout the school.	Engage with parents and carers. Update and keep relevant the risk assessments and Plan-Do-Reviews.	All staff and parents.	September 2025 September 2025	Parents and carers feel informed and included in all decisions regarding their child and their education. All risk assessments are in place and reflect pupils with additional needs.
	To ensure that the curriculum is differentiated for all pupils	All teachers are trained in using a variety of adaptive teaching methods based on the 7Cs Judith Carter Model.	Continue to audit staff training requirements and issue training to fill gaps and enhance the quality of curriculum delivery through effective adaptive teaching.	SENDCO, Teaching learning leads and Assistant principal.	September 2025	Increase access to the national curriculum for all pupils. Overcome barriers to learning through adaptive teaching and additional

		A range of support staff are trained in delivering Makaton.	This year specifically focussing on strengthening neuroinclusive practice. To ensure that staff trained in using Makaton regularly to enhance learning.	Trained support staff	September 2025	accessible resources whenever possible. Ensure staff trained in Makaton are confident to deliver.
		Interventions to help pupils with their fine and gross motor skills. Some of our pupils follow exercise programs provided by occupational therapists and physiotherapists. These programs are delivered by the support staff in interventions.	Recognising strength by providing opportunities for individuals to highlight their abilities by interventions to support the pupils in their fine and gross motor skills and other inclusive practice.	All staff.	September 2025	Ensure that staff running interventions are confident about the progress of the pupils and the targets needed to reach their full potential.

Overarching aim	Aim	Current Good Practice	Strategies to continually improve accessibility	Responsibility	Date to complete actions by	Success Criteria
Improve the availability of accessible information to pupils with disabilities	Our academy uses various communication methods to ensure that information is easily accessible. These methods include: - Internal signage - large print resources - Makaton - Pictorial or symbolic representations - Visual timetables - Widget Go and communication in print	Widget is used throughout the school. PECS folders are used to help pupils communicate their needs and wants. Makaton is used in the nurture program, and all nurture staff are trained in Makaton. One teaching assistant is trained to level 1 in British Sign Language. All staff should have a visual timetable displayed each day. Pupils who require a task slicer and visual timetable should have them placed on their desks. Staff should display behavioural symbols, such as "Good sitting" and "Good listening". In addition, staff should include the widget symbol of the lesson on their PowerPoint presentations.	New and refresher course for Makaton training	SENDCo and inclusion team	September 2025	Ensure that additional adults in the school are trained in Makaton, and that Makaton is used consistently and more widely within the academy.
			SLT will be conducting a learning walk to demonstrate consistency throughout the school.	SLT All staff. Office staff	September 2025	Staff should be confident in using visual timetables and written communication.

	-Posts on Class Dojo for digital access to information - Information on the website, including newsletters - Signposting information from other agencies to parents and carers for support	Staff to provide information about any clubs, courses, and training outside of school	Office staff should upload the newsletter weekly on Class Dojo and the website. Teachers and teaching assistants should post any information that parents need to know on Class Dojo.	All Staff	September 2025	The staff should be knowledgeable about how to use ClassDojo and Twitter.
				All Staff	September 2025	

	Consider: Pupils, different needs, adult needs, staff needs, and parent/ carer needs	Staff have access to EVERY training programme including manual handling, first aid, fire safety, and GDPR.	All staff must have access to every account and training when necessary.	ALL Staff	September 2025	ensure that staff can access Continuing Professional Development (CPD) through every available portal.
		It is important to conduct thorough observations and assessments to identify pupils' needs early on.	Staff are required to "Swivel" their lessons three times a year. Every assessment will be logged onto FFT.	ALL STAFF	September 2025	Identify needs early and provide timely support.
		Pupils are promptly referred to professionals such as speech and language therapists, occupational therapists, and school nurses.	If staff believe there is a concern with a child, they should fill out a concern form for the SENDCo. The SENDCo and the inclusion team will follow up on the concern and involve outside agencies if necessary. There should be a system to follow up on referrals not receiving a satisfactory response.	ALL STAFF	September 2025	Ensure that other professionals promptly assess pupils.

		We have service level agreements with a private speech and language practitioners, and CADMUS inclusion.	We use SALT and CADMUS to provide further staff training so interventions can benefit groups of pupils as well as individuals.	SENCO Principal Outside agencies	September 2025	Pupils should receive Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) assessments quicker than if they were to wait for the NHS, and interventions should be delivered at school.
		Staff who regularly use screens receive DSE assessments to ensure that their chairs, desks, and lighting are suitable.	Staff needing assistance in their workplace will be given support.	SLT HR Academy Manager	September 2025	Provide staff with the correct equipment to conduct their roles safely.
		Any staff member with a long-term medical need can be referred to occupational health, and workplace adjustment recommendations are implemented accordingly.	Staff should be informed of these guidelines during attendance meetings, and any appointments should be discussed with the staff member to make reasonable adjustments.	SLT HR Academy Manager	September 2025	Ensure that staff receive the support they need and make any necessary reasonable adjustments for them.
		We have staff members trained to function as mental health responders	Continuous training updates should be provided, and new staff	Mental health first aiders	September 2025	Build the culture of the academy and creating a

		and mental health first aiders. A wellbeing and DEI team is available within the school.	should be informed about where to seek help. Staff members are encouraged to seek support.	Principal Inclusion and DEI Team		sense of belonging and appreciation.
		The employee assistance program (VIVUP) provides access to counselling, medical advice, and employee benefits for all employees.	Staff should be aware of the VIVUP Programme, which is displayed around the school.	SLT ALL Staff	September 2025	Ensure that staff are confident in knowing who to contact if they want to talk to someone on the VIVUP program.
		The Inclusion team in the school supports parents and directs them to other available professionals and services.	Services available to parents should continue to be shared via Class Dojo. Additionally, plan coffee mornings for parents where they can engage with service representatives.	Inclusion team	September 2025	Hold coffee mornings in schools to encourage more parents to access the services.
		We have an open-door policy, encouraging staff, pupils, and parents to feel comfortable approaching the team.	Staff, including SLT, the inclusion team, and the safeguarding team, should be available to talk to parents when needed.	ALL STAFF	September 2025	Create an environment where parents feel confident to come into school and talk with a member of staff about any problems.

	Written materials will be available in a variety of different supportive formats.	The academy collaborates with the LA and Integrated Care Partnership to screen for visual impairments and conditions. Additionally, written resources are made available in various fonts, sizes, and colours to accommodate pupils' needs. Our newsletters and important messages are posted on the school website and Class Dojo.	Please ensure to regularly review the needs of visually impaired or light-sensitive pupils, as their requirements may change. Seek support from the Visually Impaired Team if necessary. The school should make sure that the school newsletter and information bulletins can be enlarged and are available in a variety of different fonts, and are written in accessible language for parents and carers	Principal	September 2025	Pupils who have a visual impairment are not put at a disadvantage due to it.
				ALL STAFF	September 2025	Delivery of Academy information to parent and carers, as well as the local community, is improved.
	Ensure all visitors, staff and pupils have equal and safe access to areas of the academy.	Alternative routes provided to gain entry to the library.	Ensuring that the SENCO speaks to the SLT to make them aware of potential barriers to access. Coordinate with the office staff to ensure that new starters with disabilities are identified and that all access areas are reviewed by the SENCo.	Office Staff SLT All staff.	September 2025	An SLT member and a staff member will escort wheelchair users from Essex Street to the front of the library.

		Entrances to all classrooms are accessible to all and the school corridors are accessible to all.	Visitors should be able to access all areas of the school building, and pupils should be fully included in all areas.	ALL STAFF	September 2025	All visitors are welcome to participate in academy activities and have access to all areas of the academy. This creates a more relaxed environment for all visitors and staff.
		Kitchen staff adapt menu to meet varying dietary needs and requirements.	Kitchen staff should be informed of any dietary needs, including allergies and halal requirements.	Kitchen Staff ALL STAFF	September 2025	Pupils wear lanyards to indicate any allergies or dietary needs. In the kitchen, staff have a poster with the pupil's photo and dietary needs.
	Identify pupils who have a disability prior to entry to the academy.	The attendance lead works closely with the SENDCO to make sure that all necessary information is obtained from the family about the child and	Ensuring that all information is gathered and shared between the attendance lead, office staff, and teachers.	Office staff Attendance lead SLT All staff.	September 2025	Pupils are fully included in academy life and have access to all areas of the academy and curriculum.
		Then shared with the SENDCO. The SENDCO and a member of the	This includes any needs observed during home visits, bringing them to the	SENDCo Inclusion team	September 2025	The SENDCo and the inclusion team gather all the information needed for the child.

		inclusion team will conduct appropriate home visits.	attention of the teachers, and obtaining information from parents about any involvement of outside agencies with the child.			
	Complete a risk assessment for pupils with physical disabilities upon entry to the school.	All pupils needing them have risk assessments and health care plans completed by the Academy manager	Meeting with parents/carers and SENCO must occur before start date. Pupils' needs will be met safely and competently.	SENDCO Parents Carers	September 2025	All pupils can access all areas of the academy safely.

	Enable access to all pupils with disabilities to all areas of the academy and the curriculum.	Alternative routes are available for accessing the library.	Ensuring that there are two staff members, one of whom should be a senior leadership team (SLT) member, to accompany the student in the library, and make sure that a risk assessment is in place.	SENDCO All staff. SLT	September 2025	SLT members and staff will accompany wheelchair users as they are escorted from Essex Street to the front of the library.
		Entrances to all classrooms and the school corridors are accessible to all.	Check that there are no hazards in the corridors or any areas blocking access.	ALL STAFF	September 2025	All pupils will be able to safely access all areas of the academy with assistance from staff.
		The kitchen staff adjusts the menu to accommodate different dietary needs and requirements.	Verify that pupils are wearing their lanyards and update the office with any allergy or dietary requirement information.	Kitchen Staff ALL STAFF	September 2025	Pupils wear lanyards to display any allergies or dietary needs. The kitchen staff have a poster with the pupils' photos and dietary needs.
		Teachers adjust their teaching methods and incorporate adaptive practice to cater to the individual needs of all pupils.	Share all relevant information with staff and arrange for additional resources if necessary. All pupils will participate in activities within and around the school.	ALL STAFF	September 2025	The staff are skilled in differentiating work and adapting the curriculum for the pupils.

To provide information in all formats to promote full inclusion including dual language.	Staff build strong relationships with parents. Although we are an English-speaking school, we embrace different cultures and languages, and support families by providing translations when possible.	Ensuring parents and pupils can access class dojo as any information that we post on dojo. Principal also posts important videos that the parents can listen to if parents are not confident in reading English. SENCO to consult with outside agencies for support. SENCO to consult with ATT – other school may have expertise.	SENDCO SLT Principal IT Lead	September 2025	All parents can access all school information, including policies. A two-way relationship is built with parents, and all pupils can access information. We have staff members who speak the home language and are confident in communicating with the parents when needed.
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Measuring the Impact of the Policy

The Principal, Education Team and Estates team will review the Accessibility Plan annually with the SENCo and any other relevant members of staff.

The impact will be assessed through regular meetings. Improvements to the physical environment will be considered by the Regional Estates Manager.

When setting objectives, academy staff should consider how the impact of actions will be measured. The accessibility of the curriculum and shared information for pupils, staff, parents/carers, and visitors will be scrutinised as part of our academy improvement (CSI) activity. The Accessibility Policy and all other relevant policies will be evaluated and monitored for their equality impact on pupils, staff, parents/carers, and visitors. The main findings from equality impact assessments will be shared with the Local Governing Board.