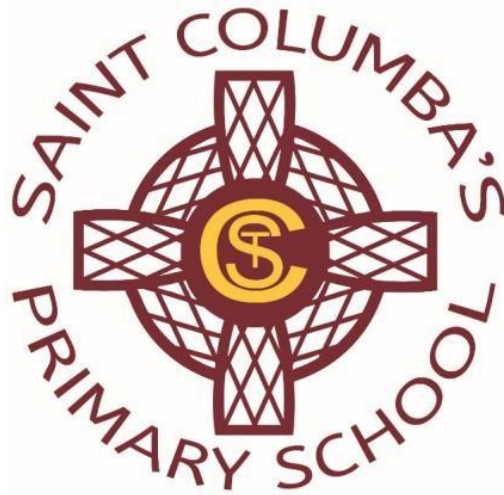


St. Columba's Catholic Primary School



Accessibility Plan

Executive Headteacher: Mrs S Foster

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Date of next review: September 2024

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This plan has been written to meet the requirements of school to carry out accessibility planning for disabled pupils as stated in the Equality Act 2010 and the SEND code of practice 2014.

At St Columba's Catholic Primary school we value the abilities and achievements of all our children, as our school mission statement states, and we are committed to providing the best possible environment for learning for all children. We are committed to ensuring equality of education and opportunity for all our pupils, staff and all those who are part of our school community. This includes those who are disabled.

Aims and objectives

Our aims are:

- that all our children achieve at the highest level possible for each individual;
- to be an inclusive school;
- not to treat disabled pupils less favourable for a reason related to their disability;
 - to make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils, so that they are not at a substantial disadvantage;
 - to plan to increase access to education for disabled pupils.

Disability as defined by the DDA is;

A person has a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

At St Columba's we have the following provision in place.

- Disabled bay at front of the children's entrance
- Fencing for the incline of the bank leading into school
- Ramp access into the playground
- Reception and Year 1 have level access to all amenities in the building including lunch hall and toilets.
- The playground is accessible to all within the school
- Disabled toilet facility for wheelchair use

The school takes into account the needs of pupils, staff and visitors with physical difficulties and sensory impairments when planning and undertaking future improvements and

refurbishments of the site and premises. It is a requirement that the school's accessibility plan is implemented and reviewed as necessary.

The school has renewed all doors in the building to current standard to allow wheelchair access in the building.

Priority Target	Success Criteria	Timescale	Cost/ Budget	Whom
Improving the physical environment of the school	Clear signage around school and on displays	Ongoing	Budget	Caretaker/ All staff
	Rolling program of maintenance to ensure lighting is up to standard & white boards are in full working order.	Ongoing	Budget SLA agreements	Caretaker/ All staff/ H and S Governors / ICT technicians and coordinator
	Medical cupboard stocked fully	Ongoing	Budget	First Aider (DC)

This plan sets out further proposals of the school to increase access to education or usage for all disabled users if needed. This plan compliments our Equality Policy, Disability Equality Scheme, Inclusion Policy, Equal Opportunities policy, Administration of medicines, Safeguarding and Child Protection policies.

Priority Target	Success Criteria	Timescale	Cost/ Budget	Whom
Increase the extent to which pupils can participate in school curriculum	Staff aware of individual needs	Ongoing	N/A	All staff
	Ensure relevant pupils can access the curriculum using trained staff	Ongoing	Budget SLA agreements	All staff

	Effective use of equipment to enhance learning i.e. Hearing Enhancement	As needed	Budget if needed	All staff
	School Visits are accessible to all pupils regardless of attainment or impairment	As needed	Budget/School Fund	All staff

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Improving the delivery of communicating information in writing in an appropriate form	Provide information and newsletters through email, PDF and Word, paper copies and internet availability for all parents, visitors and staff. Admin staff support parents to access information.	Weekly	Budget Annual cost of School Comms system	Headteacher/ Admin Staff