

# **St Joseph's Catholic Primary School**

## **Accessibility Policy**

Policy produced by the school

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## Accessibility Plan

<b>Area:</b> School Premises and Playground			<b>Responsibility:</b> Resources Committee			
<p><b>Background:</b> The school currently has no pupils or staff with significant disabilities. Our access routes cause difficulties for wheel chair users, as the entrance has two steps to access the school. However, once over these steps this allows access to all areas on the ground floor.</p> <p>There are a further two steps to access the playground leading to the nursery. All other classrooms are located on the three levels above, which have no facilities for wheelchair users. The staff room is located on the 1st floor. All Toilets (adults and pupils) have non-slip flooring. The school is carpeted throughout to suppress noise levels, provide safe surfaces for children and staff and visually enhance the environment. Acoustics in the hall are not good because of the height of the ceilings.</p> <p><b>Recent improvements:</b> Signage improved for fire safety. Lighter paintwork in all communal areas as part of rolling redecoration programme.</p>			<p>The school is required to produce a disability equality and access plan for increasing disabled pupils' participation in the school curriculum, etc. This was achieved and is incorporated in this plan.</p> <p><b>Definition:</b> A pupil has a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that has substantial and long-term adverse affect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.</p>			
<b>Aims</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Success criteria</b>	<b>Training</b>	<b>People</b>	<b>Resources</b>	<b>Budget</b>
The school will continue to develop its contingency plans for accommodating any disabled pupils or staff that may join the school in the future.	Consider any potential requirements each year.	Minutes from Resources Committee each January.	Staff, particularly teachers as required.	Committee	Time and paper	Minimal
The school will continue to consider improvement of access (particularly for wheel chairs) in the design of its construction works.	Check all project requirements.	N.B. Comments on each major scheme.		Committee	Time	Nil
As part of its rolling redecoration programme the school will consider improvement in light in classrooms and signage.	1. Get good quotes & service. 2. Implement scheme to time and budget.			Committee	Time and funds	To be estimated
Resources Committee to be informed of any relevant disabilities in incoming	Admissions committee /Head to inform	Receive minutes annually.		Admissions/ Head	Effort and attention	Nil

pupils/staff.						
This plan to be reviewed annually in March	Resources Committee to review.	Minutes from Committee in March.		Committee	Time	Nil
Review risks, etc and develop evacuation plan.	1. Write plan for existing disabilities. 2. Review as necessary.	Annually July/September.		Committee	Time	Nil
In conjunction with Resources committee, review training for accessibility.		Annually July/September.	Yes	Committee	Time	Not known