



St Augustine's Catholic Primary School

Access Policy Statement

The school recognises that many of its pupils, visitors and staff, whether disabled or otherwise, have individual needs when using school and facilities. However, we also recognise that for some pupils, the nature of their disabilities may mean that they experience specific difficulties related to accessing education, and the physical environment. As part of the ongoing commitment to the delivery of an inclusive educational service, we will endeavour to ensure that disabled pupils receive the same standards of education as non-disabled pupils.

In the light of this the school will:

- Inform all staff that our policy for the provision of educational services ensures the inclusion of disabled pupils. Such communications will address the legal obligation of staff, and the school.
- Provide appropriate disability awareness training for staff, which will explain the school policy towards disabled pupils and the effective implementation and monitoring of it.
- Address acts of disability discrimination via existing conduct codes, where appropriate.
- Encourage suppliers and contractors, to adopt similar policies towards disabled pupils and staff.

In order to ensure that the educational services it provides effectively meet the needs of disabled pupils the school will:

- Consult with disabled pupils, parents, staff and disability organisations.
- Plan to make access improvements to enable disabled people to use educational services. Furthermore, the school will effectively communicate their availability to both pupils and staff.
- Regularly review whether its education (and other) services are both accessible, effective and take appropriate action.
- Monitor the implementation and effectiveness of this policy on a regular basis.
- Operate an accessible complaints procedure whereby disabled people can make improvement suggestions and request assistance.
- Reasonable provision for disabled access will be made during planned routine improvement to the school.