

KIMICHI SCHOOL ACCESSIBILITY PLAN.

Aims

- a) To increase the involvement of those with disabilities in deciding action that impacts upon them.
- b) To increase access for those with a disability to the physical environment of the school, the curriculum and ensure equality in regards to access to information
- c) To evaluate and report to parents on the success of the action plan in meeting its targets

Definition of special educational needs:

In this policy, 'special educational needs' refers to a learning difficulty that requires special educational provision.

The SEN Code of Practice (DfES, 2014) says children have a learning difficulty if they:

- a) have a significantly greater difficulty in learning than the majority of children of the same age; or
- b) have a disability which prevents or hinders them from making use of educational facilities of a kind generally provided for children of the same age in schools within the area of the local authority; and
- c) are under compulsory school age and fall within the definition at (a) or (b) above or would do so if special educational provision was not made for them.'

Children must not be regarded as having a learning difficulty solely because the language or form of language of their home is different from the language in which they will be taught.

Definition of special educational provision

Our special educational needs policy outlines the provision that our school has in place to support students with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Increased access to the curriculum, physical access to the school, and access to information are particular to students with SEND, and this accessibility plan provides an outline of how the school will manage this part of the SEND provision.

Please refer to our special educational needs policy for an outline of the full provision that our school has in place to support students with SEND.

1. Access to the curriculum, information and associated services

Pupils with SEND will be given access to the curriculum supported by the school's specialist SEND provision and in line with the wishes of their parents and the needs of the individual.

Every effort will be made to educate pupils with SEND alongside their peers in a mainstream classroom setting. Where this is not possible, the SENCO will consult with the child's parents for other flexible arrangements to be made.

The school curriculum is regularly reviewed by the Head teacher together with the SENCO, to ensure that it is accessible to pupils of all levels and abilities, and supports the learning and progress of all pupils as individuals. This includes learning outside the classroom.

It is our aim to ensure that all resources and SEND provisions are being used effectively and efficiently within the school setting in order to support the taught curriculum and enable pupils to reach their full potential. The school does this by:

- keeping staff fully informed of the special educational needs of any pupils in their charge including sharing progress reports, medical reports and teacher feedback

- providing regular training and learning opportunities for staff in all departments on the subject of SEND and SEND teaching; school staff should be up to date with individuals SEN that will aid the progress of all pupils including those with SEND
- making use of all class facilities and space
- using in-class provisions and support effectively to ensure that the curriculum is differentiated where necessary
- making sure that individual or group tuition is available where it is felt that pupils would benefit from this provision
- listening to pupils' views and taking them into account in all aspects of school life.

2. Sensory and physical needs

The school has some of the following adaptations in place to meet sensory and physical needs and those not yet present are being planned for the future: (see Actions).

- adaptations to the physical environment of the school
- adaptations to school policies and procedures
- provision of tactile and kinaesthetic materials

Reasonable adjustments

The school will also make reasonable adjustments for individual students who need extra provision than that which is already in place to make sure that all students are involved in every aspect of school life, and that all barriers to learning are removed. These may fall under the following headings:

The building and grounds:

- audio-visual fire alarms
- assistance with guiding

Teaching and learning:

- extra staff assistance
- an electronic or manual note-taking service
- readers for pupils with visual impairments
- Increase access to written materials by enlarging scrip where necessary

Methods of communication:

- the provision of a sign language interpreter, lip-speaker or deaf-blind communicator if specifically requested and funded by parent/carer/council.

ACTIONS.

- Establish a working party to inspect school buildings and compile a list of easy access needs specific to pupils with SEND.
- Establish a working party to develop involvement of those with disabilities within the school community and beyond
- Increase access to the curriculum by: accurate assessment of those on the SEN Register.

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