



Elton Primary School & Nursery

# Accessibility Policy

*In our school, the wellbeing and education of all our children comes first*

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## **Accessibility Policy**

Elton Primary School and Nursery has been described as having a 'welcoming and delightfully happy environment in which pupils thrive.' We want all children to enjoy school, to be challenged to achieve their very best, and to consider their time at the school as their own 'learning adventure'.

We are committed to giving all of our children every opportunity to achieve the highest of standards. We do this by taking account of pupils' varied life experiences and needs. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum and have high expectations for all children. The achievements, attitudes and well-being of all our children matter.

### **Purpose of Policy**

This policy shows how Elton Primary School and Nursery endeavours to ensure the accessibility of our school for disabled pupils, staff, parents/carers and visitors.

### **Definition of disability**

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

### **Areas of planning responsibilities**

- Increasing access for disabled pupils to the school curriculum - this includes teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits.
- Improving access to the physical environment of school - this includes improvements to the physical environment of the school and physical aids to access education.
- Improving the delivery of written information to disabled pupils - this will include planning to make written information that is normally provided by the school to its pupils available to disabled pupils. The information should take account of pupils' disabilities and pupils' and parents' preferred formats and be made available within a reasonable timeframe.

### **Contextual Information**

Elton Primary School and Nursery has been in its current location since 1920. The original Victorian single storey building houses the infant area and the nursery. A 1970s single storey open plan area houses the junior area. A disabled toilet is available in the link area between the two sections of school, and is accessible to people visiting the Children's Centre also.

All access to the school is on the same level which is wheelchair accessible throughout.

At present we have no full time wheelchair dependent pupils, parents or members of staff; although as of September 2021 one child is currently using a wheelchair following an operation.

### **Current Range of known disabilities**

The school has children with a range of disabilities that include moderate and specific learning disabilities. We have a small number of pupils who have a hearing or visual impairment.

### **Increasing access for disabled pupils to the school curriculum.**

Improving teaching and learning lies at the heart of the school's work. Through self-review and Continuous Professional Development (CPD), we aim to enhance staff knowledge, skills and understanding to promote excellent teaching and learning for all children. We aim to meet every child's needs within mixed ability, inclusive classes.

Individual action plans are created as and when required – in consultation with relevant external agencies.

It is a core value of the school that all children are enabled to participate fully in the broader life of the school. Consequently, all children have always been permitted to attend age relevant after school clubs, leisure and cultural activities and educational visits.

The only exception would occur if a child had breached school rules when deprivation of club attendance may be used as a suitable short term sanction and to ensure the safety of others.