

#### **BPET Schools - Disability Accessibility Plan**

#### 2023-2026

#### **Our Vision Statement**

# At Kilburn Grange School, our vision is to grow hearts and minds to learn, enjoy and succeed.

#### The Context of Kilburn Grange School

Kilburn Grange School serves a diverse, multi-cultural community and is located in a deprived area with high mobility. The proportion of pupils who are EAL, SEND and receive pupil premium m funding is above national average. Children begin their educational journey with a range of starting points with a high proportion of pupils working below related expectation.

#### Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan.

The purpose of the plan is to:

- Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum
- Improve the physical environment of the school to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided
- Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils

#### **Overall Aim**

The school seeks to remain an inclusive school and provide equality of access and opportunity for all pupils to the extent that reasonable adjustments can be made to the school's premises and procedures. The school aims to ensure that students with disabilities or learning difficulties are not discriminated against or placed at substantial disadvantage in those areas of school life that are normally accessible to the whole pupil body.

### The plan seeks to:

Increase the extent to which disabled pupils, including those with SEND can participate in the school curriculum. This covers teaching, learning, and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after-school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits.

Improve the provision to disabled pupils of information of information, which is already in writing for pupils who are not disabled. This covers documentation related to the curriculum, to general school documentation and information, which is normally sent home. Plans will need to adopt a practical approach and take account of the specific disability - details will vary on a case-by-case basis.

Improve the physical environment of the school in order to increase the extent to which disabled pupils are able to take advantage of education and associated services offered by the school. This includes improvements to the premises and grounds, taking into account the consideration of reasonable adjustment and any restrictions such as may result from as planning consent or listed building/conservation area status.

This plan covers a three-year period. It is reviewed annually by the school and monitored BPET's Regulations and Compliance Audits.

#### **Section 1: Introduction**

**Our Vision:** Kilburn Grange School promotes a positive attitude towards diversity and is committed to providing a service that is responsive to the needs and aspirations of the diverse community it serves. This commitment is reflected in the school's accessibility plan and encourages a proactive approach to improving access and inclusion for pupils with disabilities.

## Legislation and guidance

This document meets the requirements of <u>schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010</u> and the Department for Education (DfE) <u>guidance for schools on the Equality Act</u> 2010.

The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' adverse effect on their ability to undertake normal day to day activities.

Under the <u>Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Code of Practice</u>, 'long-term' is defined as 'a year or more' and 'substantial' is defined as 'more than minor or trivial'. The definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer.

Schools are required to make 'reasonable adjustments' for pupils with disabilities under the Equality Act 2010, to alleviate any substantial disadvantage that a disabled pupil faces in comparison with non-disabled pupils. This can include, for example, the provision of an auxiliary aid or adjustments to premises.

### So this plan is underpinned by the SEND and Equalities act 2010 and ensures that:

- No disabled pupil/s or a pupil/s with a SEN is treated less favourably as a result of their specific and individual need
- Reasonable adjustments for disabled or SEN pupils are made so they are not at a substantial disadvantage
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The plan outlines the steps that the school is taking to improve access for pupils, staff, parents and visitors with a disability. It aims to promote a proactive approach to improving access/inclusion by:

- Ensuring that the rights of people with disabilities are upheld
- Supporting the aims and aspirations of pupils with a disability
- Improving access to information, curriculum, assessment and the environment
- Creating a positive attitude towards disability and challenge negative perceptions
- Developing a culture of awareness, acceptance and inclusion
- Providing tailored CPD to meet the needs of our pupils and staff

Disability is defined in law as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term negative effect on the ability to perform normal day-to-day activities/tasks. Pupils with learning difficulties are likely to be protected by the act as well as those with conditions such as autism, ADHD, physical disabilities, mental health conditions and difficulties with hearing and sight. For more information, follow this link: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/definition-of-disability-under-equality-act-2010">https://www.gov.uk/definition-of-disability-under-equality-act-2010</a>

The accessibility plan has been produced so that the school can address and meet the needs of our whole school community.

# This plan should be read in conjunction with the following policies:

- Equalities/Equal Opportunities Policy
- SEND Policy
- Anti-bullying policy
- Behaviour for Learning Policy

#### Implementation, Monitoring and Review

The plan sets out how we plan to:

#### Enabling participation in the School's Curriculum for All

- This encompasses 'teaching and learning' and the wider curriculum of the school such as, participation in after school clubs, leisure and cultural activities and school excursions.
- o It also includes the provision of specialist or auxiliary aids and equipment that may assist pupils in accessing the curriculum.
- o It addresses the manner in which the school prevents SEND based bullying, curriculum exclusion and harassment.

# **Improving the Physical Environment**

- Ensure that improvements and adaptions are made to the physical environment of the school building, classrooms, toileting facilities and the school playground to reflect the SEND pupils individual physical need.
- o Secure and use physical aids so that individual pupils can access education.

## **Accessibility of Information**

- o Ensure that information is available and distributed regularly.
- o Utilize various formats/ methods when communicating with pupils and families within a reasonable timeframe.
- o Liaise with external professionals including other school settings and the local authority.

At Kilburn Grange School, we continue to improve teaching and learning through a self-review cycle and professional CPD. We aim to enhance staff knowledge, skills and understanding to promote excellent teaching and learning and create a fully inclusive where all children thrive regardless of need.

This accessibility plan will be updated yearly to ensure that it adheres to the latest statutory guidance. However, the aims outlined in this plan will be reviewed every three years. The strategic monitoring cycle will be conducted by internal (including the Senior Leadership Team, LAB Advisors and the Bellevue Education Trust) and external professionals and will follow all monitoring procedures.

### **Section 1: Aims and objectives**

The table below highlights our clear aims/objectives and how we will ensure that these achieved within a specific timeframe.

| Outcome  | Actions to be taken  | Person<br>responsible  | Timescale                                   | Cost                               | Good practice (Inclusive of established practice and practice under development)                                      | Evaluation |
|--|--|------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|------------|
|  | <ul> <li>The senior leadership team<br/>successfully completes the<br/>Behaviour Hubs programme.</li> <li>The Behaviour Hubs action plan</li> </ul>                                | SS and HK              | July 2024                                   | Cost of the ZOR curriculum £139.00 | <ul> <li>SLT to disseminate<br/>knowledge and training<br/>to all staff members.</li> <li>The School</li> </ul>       |            |
|  | <ul> <li>has been implemented effectively.</li> <li>The Behaviour Policy has been updated and reflects the latest</li> </ul>   | SS and HK<br>SS and HK | Oct 2023<br>Oct 2023                        |                                    | Development Plan sets out overall target in behavior that want to   |            |
| To use a behaviour ol/curriculum to support pupils that the SEMH needs and pupils that it difficult to regulate their notions through the use of the | <ul> <li>pedagogy.</li> <li>Clearly planned CPD disseminates<br/>the latest pedagogy and knowledge<br/>on behaviour to ensure consistent<br/>approaches are maintained.</li> </ul> | SS                     | 3 part:<br>Sep2023<br>Mar 2024<br>June 2024 | £250                               | <ul> <li>be achieved.</li> <li>Select a ZOR curriculum leader to drive the topic and support improvements.</li> </ul> |            |
| nes of Regulation (ZOR)<br>rriculum.   | <ul> <li>The ZOR curriculum is planned and delivered bi-weekly.</li> <li>Lesson observations, learning walks and behaviour data show that staff</li> </ul>                         | ZY                     | Sep 2023<br>and<br>ongoing                  | £450                               | Timetable lesson<br>observations and<br>learning walks termly in<br>order to monitor                                  |            |
|  | are following the behaviour policy consistently and adaptations are made for pupils with social, emotional and mental health needs.  | SS, HK, MK<br>and ZY   | July 2024                                   | £500                               | consistency and provide constructive feedback.  • SLT and KS leaders to monitor behavior data and address issues      |            |

| Pohovious data analysis shave that  | SS, HK, SB, IS                | July 2024  |     | swiftly and thoroughly. |  |
|---|-------------------------------|--|-----|-------------------------|--|
| Behaviour data analysis shows that  tronda are identified and actions   | 33, 118, 35, 13               | July 2024  |     | Swittly and thoroughly. |  |
| trends are identified and actions   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| outline next steps to address   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| behaviour and provide relevant  |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| support for children who display  |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| repeated patterns of poor   |                               | 3 part:  |     |                         |  |
| behaviour.  | SS and HK                     | Sep2023  |     |                         |  |
| <ul> <li>Behaviour data analysis shows that</li> </ul>  |                               | Mar 2024   |     |                         |  |
| internal and external exclusions  |                               | June 2024  |     |                         |  |
| decrease.   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| <ul> <li>Children are able to articulate what</li> </ul>  |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| our school values are and how they  | KY                            | April 2024   |     |                         |  |
| use the values to help them   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| become responsible and caring   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| individuals.  |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| Children can explain how our  | SS and HK                     | May 2024   |     |                         |  |
| behaviour policy works and how it   |                               | ,  |     |                         |  |
| supports good behaviour in our  |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| school.   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| Staff and children understand the   | SS, KY, HK                    | Oct 2023   |     |                         |  |
|   | 33, 11, 111                   | 000 2023   |     |                         |  |
| Zones of Regulation (ZOR) and the   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| language associated with ZOR  |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| becomes commonplace   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| throughout the school.  |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| <ul> <li>To revise the behaviour policy to</li> </ul>   |                               | 2 norts  |     |                         |  |
| ensure that it underpins the  | CC and LIK                    | 3 part:  | 000 |                         |  |
|   | SS and HK                     | •  | 100 |                         |  |
| · ·   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
|   |                               | June 2024  |     |                         |  |
| for pupils with social, emotional   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| and mental health needs.  |                               | 1  |     |                         |  |
| <ul> <li>To embed the Zones of Regulation</li> </ul>  |                               | -  |     |                         |  |
| across the school to ensure that  | SS and HK                     |  |     |                         |  |
| the curriculum is used consistently   |                               | June 2024  |     |                         |  |
| across the school.  |                               |  |     |                         |  |
|   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| ·   | SS and ZY                     | July 2025  |     |                         |  |
|   |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| Regulation Storybook Set  |                               |  |     |                         |  |
| <ul> <li>and mental health needs.</li> <li>To embed the Zones of Regulation across the school to ensure that the curriculum is used consistently across the school.</li> <li>To purchase ZOR story books to enhance all class libraries across the school <a href="mailto:The Zones of">The Zones of</a></li> </ul> | SS and HK SS and HK SS and ZY | Sep2023<br>Mar 2024<br>June 2024<br>3 part:<br>Sep2023<br>Mar 2024<br>June 2024<br>July 2025 | £60 |                         |  |

|  | (thinkingbooks.co.uk)  |                         |                        | £49.99 each<br>book<br>3 different<br>books to be<br>purchased<br>£149.97 |   |            |
|--|--|-------------------------|------------------------|---|---|------------|
| Improving the Phys                           | ical Environment   |                         |                        |   |   |            |
| Outcome                                      | Actions to be taken  | Person<br>responsible   | Timescale              | Cost  | Good practice (Inclusive of established practice and practice under development)  | Evaluation |
| 2. To create a sensory/ready to learn space. | <ul> <li>To source a company to draw up plans and costings for the ready to learn room.</li> <li>To carry out an audit of existing resource before sourcing and ordering suitable resources</li> </ul> | SS and MK               | July 2025<br>Dec 2023  | Total cost of<br>Sensory/ready<br>to learn room<br>£10000-<br>12000       | <ul> <li>Staff will be trained<br/>on the use of the<br/>ready to learn and<br/>the equipment it<br/>offers.</li> <li>To research how best</li> </ul> |            |
|  | <ul> <li>Continue to enhance a tranquil space for children with sensory needs across the school.</li> <li>Ensure there is a quiet space in</li> </ul>  | SS                      | Oct 2023               |   | to design and create<br>a space that can<br>been used to support<br>pupils who are  |            |
|  | <ul> <li>each classroom for learners to access.</li> <li>To design a sensory space so that accommodates an array of sensory. To consult with external professionals so that the room is</li> </ul>     | SS, HK and MK SS and HK | July 2024<br>July 2024 |   | currently struggling to access a full time classroom space.  To offer 'ready to learn' visits for parents/ carers.                                    |            |
|  | <ul> <li>designed to be effective.</li> <li>To ensure that the room and its contents adhere to health and safety criteria.</li> </ul>  | SS, HK and AT           | Ongoing                |   |   |            |
|  | <ul> <li>To create a timetable for the use of<br/>the sensory/ready to learn room<br/>for children that need scheduled<br/>break.</li> <li>To elicit parental involvement and</li> </ul>               | SS and MK               | Jan 2024               |   |   |            |

| Accessibility of Infor   | support for the ready to learn room.  To train staff on the use of the resources and ensure that staff understand how to store this items.  | SS, KY and MK SS and MK                                  | May 2025<br>Apr 2024   |      |  |            |
|--|---|--|--|------|--|------------|
| Outcome  | Actions to be taken   | Person<br>responsible                                    | Timescale  | Cost | Good practice (Inclusive of established practice and practice under development)   | Evaluation |
| 3. All parents/carers and staff will be provided with key workshops and CPD opportunities to enable them to gain strategies and understanding of SEND needs. | <ul> <li>Ensure workshops are planned and delivered every term for parents.</li> <li>Ensure that the SEND leaflet/information fact sheet is shared with parents every academic year.</li> <li>Create an information display where key information and external support can be accessed.</li> <li>Introduce parents and carers to the external professionals that support the school, through coffee mornings, workshops and emails.</li> <li>Ensure any SEND key dates such as coffee mornings and workshops are shared via newsletters, class Dojo, and the information board.</li> <li>Ensure that all communication for parents is written in laymen's terms so not to over complicated and confuse parents/carers.</li> <li>Ensure that any communication intended for a wide audience is written in plain English following guidance: http://www.plainenglish.co.uk/fre</li> </ul> | SS, MK, and KY  SS  SS, KY and MK  SS, KY and MK  SS  SS | 3 part: Nov2023 Apr 2024 July 2024 Oct 2023 updated every year Dec 2023- updated monthly 3 part: Nov2023 Apr 2024 July 2024 Oct 2023 | £500 | <ul> <li>All leaflets and letters written by the school are emailed and published on the school website.</li> <li>Communication will be provided via paper copies or larger print upon request.</li> <li>All meetings with parents/ professionals (excluding parent conferences) are minuted and signed by all attendees. A copy of the minutes is provided to parents.</li> <li>The SENDco works closely with speech and language therapists from Brent and Camden.</li> <li>All leaflets and letters written by the school are emailed, published</li> </ul> |            |

| <ul><li>e-guides.html</li><li>Information available in large font</li></ul> |             |          |     | on the school website and available in paper |
|---|-------------|----------|-----|--|
| for parents who are visually  |             |          | £50 | copies upon request.                         |
| impaired. All information and   | SS and HK   | Son 2025 |     | All meetings     with paragraph (available)  |
| policies available in hard copy upon request.                               | 33 aliu FIK | Sep 2025 |     | with parents (excluding parent conferences)  |
| Arrange opportunities for non-  |             |          |     | are minuted and signed                       |
| English speaking parents to discuss   |             |          |     | by all attendees. A copy                     |
| the information concerning their  |             |          |     | of the minutes is                            |
| child with native speaker (where  |             |          |     | provided to parents.                         |
| possible).  | SS and HK   |          |     | Class Dojo is used as a                      |
|   |             |          |     | tool to communicate                          |
|   |             |          |     | with EAL parents as it                       |
|   |             |          |     | translates key                               |
|   |             |          |     | information into the                         |
|   |             |          |     | parent's mother                              |
|   |             |          |     | tongue.                                      |

### Section 3: Access audit

| Feature                 | Description  | Actions to be taken   | Person(s) responsible                           | Timescale |
|-------------------------|--|---|---|-----------|
| Number of storeys       | 4 storeys, but we do have 2 working lifts that enable pupils with disabilities to access all floors.   | No further actions needed   |   |           |
| Corridor access         | Corridors access is wheelchair accessible. All corridors are regulated by fire regulations and therefore routes and pathways are always kept clear and suitably signposted.  | No further actions needed   |   |           |
| Stair case              | All stairs have yellow strips painted on the edge to support visually impaired pupils to navigate up and down the stairs.  | To maintain every year as a result of wear and tear.                                    |   |           |
| Parking bays            | No parking is available at the school due to space restrictions.   | To apply to the Local Authority for a disabled bay to be positioned outside the school. | Sarah Storey, Office manager and Brent Council. | July 2027 |
| Entrances               | Both school entrances and playground area are wheelchair accessible  | No further actions needed   |   |           |
| Ramps                   | None are needed as building is wheelchair accessible   | No further actions needed   |   |           |
| Toilets                 | Reception toilets are located within the Reception classrooms. There is one wheelchair accessible stall. There is one wheelchair accessible toilet on each floor. There is a shower and changing room available for intimate care purposes on the fourth floor. There is now a baby change facilities in reception for children that are still in nappies. | No further actions needed   |   |           |
| Main reception area     | The reception area is wheelchair accessible and has a toilet, which can be accessed by wheelchair users. Reception area toilet has a fitted grab rail and pull cord.   | No further action needed  |   |           |
| Internal signage        | Disabled toilets, classrooms and hall spaces are clearly marked.   | No further actions needed   |   |           |
| Emergency escape routes | Clear signage throughout building including fire escape routes and refuge points.  Building fitted with emergency lighting.  Print signs that will be added to muster points (with images) in the event of a fire.   | No further actions needed   |   |           |