

ARNOLD HOUSE SCHOOL

Policy 17b: Accessibility Plan – 2016 to 2019

This plan has been prepared with due regard to Children and Families Act 2014, the Special Educational Needs and Disability Code of Practice, 0-25 years 2014 (SEND Code 2015) and Schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010

The school is in a conservation area and consists of 2 Victorian villas linked to the gym (built in 1982) and outside classrooms (built in 2000) connected to form a streamline school. Levels vary, but there is ground floor double gate access at the front leading via the 'pre-prep' entrance to the rear of the school where wide door, wheelchair access is provided.

We offer **bespoke 'reasonable adjustments'** where needed and have hosted people using wheelchairs and blind people as well as having boys with severe hearing issues and learning disabilities requiring an adult to accompany them.

We have and will continue to accommodate people with disabilities.

Targets	Action	Outcome	Timing	Staff	Reviewer
<i>Increase access for boys with disabilities to school curriculum.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acceptance form Continue to request details of any reasonable adjustments a boy may require. 	All reasonable needs can be met.	In May annually when new applicants are accepted and asked to provide confidential personal information in writing, so that immediate needs can be accommodated.	PW	PV
<i>Increase access for boys with disabilities to school curriculum</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 2 dyslexia and dyscalculia screening. 	Identification of boys needing support	Termly review by Head of Learning Support (HLS)	EGO	PV
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with outside agencies and individuals as appropriate e.g. Camden Council, Westminster, 	Boys helped to participate in all aspects of Arnold House curriculum	Termly review of boys' issues. HLS September annually.	EGO	PV

	CAMHS(Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and Educational Pshychologists.				
<i>Medical needs e.g. asthma, allergies etc.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensuring all staff are up to date on appropriate administration of medicines. Allergy forms sent to parents annually to update them and new boys given form to fill out. 	All staff are aware of guidelines. Form with allergies given to the Kitchen, Form Teachers and put up in the Staff Room.	There are 8 trained first aiders who all have received epi-pen instruction as part of their first aid training. Refresher for all staff to be given at staff meeting annually (next in Spring Term 2017) by Medial Co-ordinator which will cover asthma, reactions to allergies and epi-pen use.	JC	PV
<i>Improving delivery of written information for disabled boys.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All important paperwork available in enlarged print for people with visual impairment. Visual aids, magnifying sheets, enlarged texts and computer screens made available as necessary. Extra time for exams. 	Exam accommodations successfully implemented.	Annual review – HLS (Head of Learning Support) September.	EGO	PV
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider purchasing a portable hearing loop, if required, for gym when needed. (Not deemed necessary at present.) 	Aural assistance for boys/parents/visitors with hearing impairment	Reviewed to meet needs (there are none at present).	EGO	PV
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to build on quality of provision for working with boys with dyspraxic tendencies. 	Improve skill base and self-confidence. Visiting co-ordination therapist and use of items such as writing slopes and disc cushions as needed.	Termly appraisal of boys' progress.	EGO	PV

<i>Physical Environment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider permanent temporary disabled accesses. 	<p>Loudoun Road – possible need for improved access to whole site, but unlikely due to current buildings and intake. Canons Park has access for all.</p> <p>Step free access is available through the double doors for visitors with wheelchairs directly into the gym e.g. for guest speakers.</p>	<p>LR – existing facilities cannot change until extensions considered which are not currently part of the school plan but will be reviewed in conjunction with any new building plans.</p>	PV	PV
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage to disabled loo. 	Easier accessibility	Disabled Sign on loo.	PV	PV
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure regular cleaning and upkeep of all steps, water power hose to be used as necessary. 	Safer access on steps.	Termly.	PV	PV
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure any new nosing installed has a large point difference to the colour of the stairs 	More vision friendly steps.	As needed e.g. steps to canteen redone in June 2016 with 32 point colour difference between nosing and stairs.	PV	PV

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