

# Whitehill Primary School

## Accessibility Plan

### Key Objective

To reduce and, where possible, eliminate barriers to accessing the curriculum and to full participation in Whitehill Primary for pupils, and prospective pupils, with a disability. However, Whitehill School is housed in a split site that dates from the 1930's.. The building is situated on the side of a hill, and has a building on 2 floors. Major building works by Kent County Council would be required before the building could completely meet all the needs of pupils in wheelchairs or those with severe mobility problems.

### Principles

Compliance with the DDA is consistent with our aims and equal opportunities policy, and the operation of our SEN policy. We recognises its duty under the DDA (as amended by the SENDA):

- not to discriminate against disabled pupils in their admissions and exclusions, and provision of education and associated services
- not to treat disabled pupils less favourably
- to take reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled pupils at a substantial disadvantage
- to publish an Accessibility Plan.

In performing their duties, governors and staff will have regard to the DRC Code of Practice (2002).

Whitehill Primary School recognises and values parents'/carer's knowledge of their child's disability and its effect on his/her ability to carry out normal activities, and respects their and child's right to confidentiality.

Whitehill Primary School provides all pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum, differentiated and adjusted to meet the needs of individual pupils and their preferred learning styles; and endorses the key principles in the National Curriculum 2000 framework, which underpin the development of a more inclusive curriculum:

- setting suitable learning challenges
- responding to pupils' diverse learning needs
- overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment for individuals and groups of pupils.

### Activity

#### a) Education & related activities

Whitehill Primary School will continue to seek and follow the advice of LA services, such as specialist teacher advisers and SEN inspectors/advisers, and of appropriate health professionals from the local NHS Trusts.

## **b) Physical environment**

Whitehill Primary School will take account of the needs of pupils and visitors with physical difficulties and sensory impairments when planning and undertaking future improvements and refurbishment of the site and premises. In particular we have updated install lighting and toilet facilities to meet the need of visually impaired pupils. We are reviewing teaching areas and assessing acoustics, colour schemes and the accessibility of facilities and fittings.

## **c) Provision of information**

Whitehill Primary School will make itself aware of local services, including those provided through the LA, for providing information in alternative formats when required or requested.

## **Action Plan**

See attached (Appendix 1)

## **Linked Policies**

This Plan will contribute to the review and revision of related school policies, e.g.

- school development plan
- staff development plan
- Estate development plan
- SEN policy
- Equal Opportunities policy
- Curriculum policies.

Headteacher \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Chair Of Governors \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_