

EGGLESCLIFFE SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

A MEMBER OF
VISION ACADEMY
LEARNING TRUST

ACCESSIBILITY PLAN & ACCESS AUDIT

Approved by the Local Governing Body

Approved October 2019

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Responsible Officer: SG White
CEO

Eggescliffe School and Sixth Form Accessibility Plan

1. This Accessibility Plan has been drawn up in consultation with the Vision Academy Learning Trust board, students, parents and staff and covers the period from September 2019 – September 2021.

If current Grant submissions are successful there could be extensive on-going Re-furbishment and new building works in the coming years, Accessibility will be reviewed as part of the planning process for all future works and this plan updated as required.

2. We are committed to providing a fully accessible environment which values and includes all students, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs. We are committed to challenging negative attitudes about disability and accessibility and to developing a culture of awareness, tolerance and inclusion.
3. Vision Academy Learning Trust plans, over time, to increase the accessibility provision for all students, staff and visitors to all our sites. Individual Accessibility Plans are produced for each Academy and contain relevant actions to:
 - Improve access to the **physical environment** of the Academy, adding specialist facilities as necessary.
 - Increase access to the **curriculum** for students with a disability, expanding the curriculum as necessary to ensure that students with a disability are as equally prepared for life as are the able-bodied students. This covers teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the Academy such as participation in after school clubs, leisure and cultural activities, off site visits etc. It also includes the provision of specialist **aids and equipment**, which may assist disabled students in accessing the curriculum.
 - Improve the delivery of **written information** to students, staff, parents and visitors with disabilities. This will include handouts, timetables, textbooks and information about the Academy and its events. The information will be made available in various preferred formats within a reasonable time frame.
4. Attached are Action Plans, relating to these key aspects of accessibility. The plans will be reviewed and adjusted as necessary, but no less than on a bi-annual basis.
5. We recognise that there is a need for ongoing awareness raising and training for staff and trustees in the matter of disability discrimination and the need to inform attitudes on this matter.

6. The Accessibility Plan should be read in conjunction with the relevant sections of the following documents:
 - SEN and Disability Policy
 - Admissions Policy
 - Exclusions Policy
 - Child Protection Policy
 - Asset Management Plan
7. The Action Plan for physical accessibility relates to the Access Audit of the Academy, which is undertaken by the Academy Estates Manager. It may not be feasible to undertake all of the works during the life of each Accessibility Plan. The current Access Audit will be reviewed towards the end of each two-year plan period, to inform the development of the new Plan.
8. As curriculum policies are reviewed, a section relating to access will be added.
9. The Academy Brochure will make reference to the Accessibility Plan.
10. Information about our Accessibility Plan will be published in each Academy's Annual Report to Parents.
11. The Accessibility Plan will be monitored through the School Council. Each School Council will produce an annual report on progress against the Plan for the trustees.
12. The Academy will work in partnership with all stakeholders in developing and implementing this plan.
13. The plan will be monitored by Ofsted as part of their inspection cycle.

Vision Academy Learning Trust Access Audit 2019 - 2021
Improving the Physical Access at Egglecliffe School & 6th Form College

This Access Audit was carried out by the Estates Manager on 11.07.2019.

Ref No	Building	Findings	Action	Timescale	Estimated Cost
1.	Main Building	Limited access to 1 st & 2 nd Floor Science Block. Facilities are replicated on the Ground Floor of the Science Block.	Installation of a Lift required as part of a future refurbishment.	None	Unavailable
2.	Main Building	Steps leading up to Main Hall Stage, MFL05. MFL06 & DT01.	Adaptation or creation of suitable access as part of future refurbishment or re-build.	2020 - 2021	Unavailable
3.	Main Building	Steps leading up to DT02. & DT03.	Adaptation or creation of suitable access as part of a future refurbishment or re-build, if Grant applications are successful.	None	Unavailable
4	Main Building	Steps leading up to IT02. PSY01. & PSY02.	Adaptation or creation of suitable access as part of a future refurbishment or re-build, if Grant applications are successful.	None	Unavailable
5.	Main Building	Specialist teaching rooms (e.g. Science, D.T.) do not have reduced height facilities (workstations, sinks, hobs, etc.) for wheelchair users.	Adaptation or creation of suitable facilities as part of a future refurbishment or re-build, if Grant applications are successful.	Not required at present.	Unavailable

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6.	Main Building	Easy access to the 1 st & 2 nd Floor Science Block obstructed by existing sets of fire doors on each landing.	Installation of magnetic door systems linked to the Fire Detection System. Unsuccessful CIF bid submitted 2018. Not eligible for CIF funding in 2019. New CIF bid will be submitted in 2020 if eligible.	September 2020	£2,700
7.	English Block	Limited disabled access to Block. There is an access ramp at the front of the Block, but the fire doors off EN03. EN04. & IT03 are not easily accessible. The entrance at the far end of the Block is only accessible via steps.	Creation of suitable access as part of a future refurbishment or re-build, if Grant applications are successful.	None	Unavailable
8.	Art Block	Existing staff toilet needs adapting for disabled use.	The toilet could be adapted by expanding into the Art Store next door. Include in possible refurbishment of Art Block.	2020 - 2021	Unavailable
9.	Art Block	Easy access throughout the Ground Floor obstructed by two existing sets of fire doors.	Installation of magnetic door systems linked to the Fire Detection System. Include in possible refurbishment of Art Block.	2020 - 2021	£1,350
10.	Lovell Block	No disabled toilet facilities available. (This Block includes the Drama Theatre used for Performances and special events.)	This Block is scheduled for demolition as part of proposed re-building work.	2020 - 2021	Unavailable

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11.	6 th Form Block	Limited access to 1 st Floor 6 th Form Block.	Installation of a Lift required as part of future refurbishment or re-build, if Grant applications are successful.	None	Unavailable
12.	Hygiene Room	The site does not have a Hygiene Room, to assist with our being able to provide for students & staff with complex medical needs.	Creation of a Hygiene Room, undertake as part of a refurbishment or re-build, if Grant applications are successful.	None	Unavailable
13.	Dining Facilities	Limited access to the Dining-rooms and access to the serving area from the school kitchen not suitable.	Dining & serving areas will be redesigned during proposed partial school re-build.	2020 - 2021	Unavailable
14.	All	There are a number of small classrooms (e.g. the corner classrooms in each House Block) which are not suitable for disabled access and which cannot readily be adapted.	These classrooms will be demolished during proposed partial re-building of school.	2020 - 2021	Unavailable
15.	Stairways	Internal stair nosing / handrails are not clearly marked, creating problems for those with limited vision.	Improve access by using contrasting nosing / handrail materials as part of future refurbishment or re-building programmes.	2020 - 2021	Unavailable
16.	External	Unsuitable access ramp down to Art Car Park area, outside PSY02.	Creation of a new access ramp as part of future refurbishment or re-build, if Grant applications are successful.	2020 - 2021	Unavailable
17.	External	Highlighted edges of external steps wearing away.	Re-mark edges of steps.	Sept 2019	£100 materials. Undertaken by Premises Team.