

## Verulam School Accessibility Plan

This action plan sets out the aims of our accessibility plan in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 (schedule 10) for:

• Increasing the extent to which disabled students can participate in the school's curriculum

• Improving the physical environment of the school for the purpose of increasing the extent to which disabled students, parents and other community stakeholders are able to take advantage of education and benefits, facilities and services provided or offered by the school

• Improving the delivery to disabled students of information which is readily accessible to students who are not disabled

| Aim                          | Current good practice          | Actions to be taken           | Person responsible  | Success criteria              |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Increase access to the       | Our school offers a            | Continue to review the        | DHT – Curriculum    | An effective curriculum       |
| curriculum for students with | differentiated curriculum for  | school curriculum on an       |                     | which enables success for all |
| a disability                 | all students. This includes a  | annual basis to ensure it is  |                     | learners                      |
|                              | access to a full curriculum in | fully inclusive and meets the |                     |                               |
|                              | KS3 and guided choices at      | needs of all students.        |                     |                               |
|                              | Key Stage 4.                   |                               |                     |                               |
|                              |                                | Continue to provide regular   | AHT – Mr Zaman –    |                               |
|                              | We use resources tailored to   | updates about tools and       | eLearning/BYOD      |                               |
|                              | the needs of students who      | applications which are        |                     |                               |
|                              | require support to access      | useful for delivering highly  |                     |                               |
|                              | the curriculum.                | personalised teaching and     |                     |                               |
|                              |                                | learning.                     |                     |                               |
|                              | BYOD scheme now                |                               |                     |                               |
|                              | embedded in all year groups    | Continue to further refine    |                     |                               |
|                              | . Teachers in some subjects    | systems to ensure staff can   | SENDCO and Learning |                               |
|                              | use a range of applications    | access key information        | Support Team        |                               |
|                              | to enable effective            | about students' needs         |                     |                               |
|                              | adaptations to learning.       | efficiently, (create a        |                     |                               |



|                        |                              | Provision map). Alongside     |  |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|                        | Curriculum progress is       | this, provide regular updates |  |
|                        | tracked for all students,    | about the learning needs of   |  |
|                        | including those with a       | SEND students                 |  |
|                        | disability.                  | To continue and build a       |  |
|                        | The intent, implementation   | culture of early intervention |  |
|                        | and impact of the            | for students with additional  |  |
|                        | curriculum is reviewed to    | needs in the Inclusion Hub    |  |
|                        | ensure it meets the needs of |                               |  |
|                        | all students.                |                               |  |
|                        | Targets and some             |                               |  |
|                        | interventions are set        |                               |  |
|                        | effectively and are          |                               |  |
|                        | appropriate for students     |                               |  |
|                        | with additional needs. These |                               |  |
|                        | are shared with key          |                               |  |
|                        | stakeholders and reviewed    |                               |  |
|                        | with parents.                |                               |  |
|                        |                              |                               |  |
|                        | The environment is adapted   |                               |  |
| Improve and maintain   | to the needs of students,    |                               |  |
| access to the physical | staff and visitors to the    |                               |  |
| environment            | school as required.          |                               |  |
|                        | This includes:               |                               |  |
|                        |                              |                               |  |
|                        | Step free access via ramps   |                               |  |
|                        | into every block             |                               |  |
|                        | Appropriate corridor and     |                               |  |
|                        | pathway widths               |                               |  |
|                        |                              |                               |  |
|                        |                              |                               |  |



| <ul> <li>Dedicated disabled<br/>parking bays near to key<br/>parts of the school<br/>(reception)</li> <li>A Disabled toilet in blocks<br/>across the school. • Disabled<br/>changing facilities in the<br/>Sports Hall.</li> <li>Stakeholders are able to<br/>access most areas of the<br/>school regardless of ability<br/>or need .</li> <li>Improve the delivery of<br/>information to students<br/>with a disability Our school<br/>uses a range of<br/>communication methods to<br/>ensure information is<br/>accessible.</li> <li>This includes: • Newly<br/>installed external signage a</li> </ul> | Ensure accessibility remains<br>a key factor in the design of<br>school redevelopments and<br>new builds.<br>Continue to repaint key<br>hazardous areas – e.g.<br>curbs, stairs, ramps and<br>railings on an annual basis. | Headteacher<br>Operations Manager<br>Campus Manager<br>Site Team |  |
|--|--|--|--|
| communication methods to   |  |  |  |
| accessible.  |  |  |  |
| installed external signage a   |  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Internal signage</li> <li>Large</li> <li>print resources</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |



|  |   | Adhere to JCQ exam<br>regulations: enlarged print  |   |  |
|--|---|--|---|--|
|  |   | Ensure students have equipment such as   |   |  |
|  |   | magnifiers and reading pens  |   |  |
|  |   | Liaise with external agencies<br>such as PNI (Physical and<br>Neurological Impairment                            | Exams Officer and SENDCo                    |  |
|  |   | Team), VI (Visual<br>Impairment) and HI (Hearing<br>Impairment)  | SENDCO Learning Support<br>Team             |  |
| A whole school<br>approach to<br>inclusion | Continuing staff training<br>surrounding SEN, PP, CLA | Staff are trained through<br>CPD programme, T&L<br>programme . INSET,<br>staff meetings and external<br>training | Leadership Team<br>SENDCO<br>PP Coordinator | A truly inclusive school in<br>all areas of the<br>curriculum, environment<br>and resources in line<br>with the Equality Act |
|  |   | opportunities  |   | 2010.  |