



## The Leigh UTC

# Accessibility Plan 2023

**3-year period covered by the plan: 2023 - 2025**

Plan agreed: 2023

Plan review: 2025

Lead member of staff: Assistant Principal

The SEN and Disability Act 2001 extended the Disability and Discrimination Act 1995 (DOA) to cover education. Since September 2002, the Governing Board has had three key duties towards disabled pupils, under Part 4 of the DOA:

1. Not to treat disabled pupils less favourably for a reason related to their disability;
2. To make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils, so that they are not at a substantial disadvantage;
3. To plan to increase access to education for disabled pupils.

This plan sets out the proposals of the Governing Board of the Academy to ensure maximised access to education for disabled pupils in the three required areas set out in the planning duties in the DOA, by:

- a) Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the Academy curriculum;
- b) Improving the environment of the Academy to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services;
- c) Improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information, which is provided in writing for pupils who are not disabled.

It is a requirement that the Academy's accessibility plan is resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised as necessary and reported on annually. Attached is a set of action plans showing how the Academy will address the priorities identified in the plan.

## **The Academy Context**

We are an Academy for boys and girls age range 11 to 18yrs. The Academy comprises two buildings covering a gated site, the main building being a three storey construction.

### **Our aims**

- Embrace a partnership between the Academy and home
- Offer to each member the opportunity to grow in knowledge fostered through shared values and guidance
  - Every individual has a right to be part of a community where each member is valued and respected for their own worth irrespective of race, colour, creed or ability
  - Children will be helped to appreciate that they are members of the wider community in its richness and diversity
  - The curriculum will provide a setting in which all children have an equal opportunity to grow in understanding and in the acquisition of skills, attitudes and values.

We are working within a national framework for educational inclusion provided by:

- Inclusive Academy (DfES 0774/2001)
- SEN Disability Act 2001
- The SEN Revised Code of Practice 2002
- The Disability Discrimination Act
- Code of Practice for Academies (Disability Rights Commission)

The priorities for the Accessibility Plan for our Academy were originally identified by a planning group that consisted of

- SEN Governor
- Principal
- SENCO
- Premises Manager

**Appendix A: Leigh UTC Accessibility Action Plan**

Development Area	Target Strategies	Outcome	Goal Achieved
<p><b>Curriculum Delivery</b></p>	<p>Classrooms are organised for clear access for all students. Guidance from specialists students with a disability (e.g. Hearing Impaired Service, VISR) used in arranging classrooms for maximum benefit to disabled students.</p>	<p>Classrooms to be fully accessible for students with a disability.</p>	<p>Achieved</p>
<p><b>Curriculum Delivery/Delivery of materials in other formats</b></p>	<p>The curriculum reflects an understanding and tolerance of disability. The schemes of work and wellbeing content incorporate inclusivity. They further reflect opportunities for debate, discussion and learning about others.</p> <p>Improve ICT provision to support and enhance curriculum delivery for all. All students to have their own device.</p> <p>All resources to be uploaded to Google Classroom Teaching staff have an increased understanding of support needs (e.g. additional time requirements) and plan for this.</p> <p>SEND information available to all staff and further training on implementation and differentiation of curriculum required.</p> <p>Classroom staff have regard to sensory and physical needs and learning styles of students (e.g. diagrams described and visual aids read aloud) Copies of diagrams and slides available to students.</p>	<p>Students to have increased understanding and will be able to contribute to our inclusive community.</p> <p>Students are able to access the learning on a device and engage in Soft-differentiation independently.</p> <p>Staff ensure their lessons are fully inclusive.</p>	<p>Achieved as part of our digital strategy</p> <p>Achieved as part of our digital strategy</p> <p>Being developed as part of our CPD programme on Quality First Teaching.</p>

<b>Academy design incorporates the needs of a student with a disability</b>	Improved accessibility for students with a disability  Review of accessibility issues and potential obstacles in any proposed changes to layout.	Where possible, all areas of the site will be accessible.	Generally achieved although lift maintenance does compromise this at times.
	Facilities are accessible to students with a disability  Accessible toilets to remain locked when not required. Designated support staff to have keys to these toilets.	Students able to use the facilities with ease.	Generally achieved although lift maintenance does compromise this at times.
	The needs of hearing impaired students are met  Regular interventions by Sensory Impairment Service, managed by SENDCo.	Students are able to access the curriculum as those who are not hearing impaired.	Achieved through adapted seating plans and, where necessary, staff wearing voice boxes linked to implants. SEND team regularly meet SIS when they visit students.
	The needs of visually impaired students are met  All areas of the site to meet RNIB standards.	Students are able to access the curriculum as those who are not visually impaired.	Stairs do not currently have yellow stripes.
<b>DDA compliant signage</b>	Signs clear and understandable for the visually impaired  Replacements of signs take into account appropriate colours schemes/size for signs.	All signs can be understood by all users onsite.	Signs are in line with RNIB standards.