Rowley View and Rowley Robins Nursery
Disability and Accessibility Audit and Plan

School: Rowley View Nursery School
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Carried out by: Mrs M Wilkes – Inclusion Leader

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1. Have you or any staff had disability training?

Yes

- Autism awareness
- Makaton training
- Assisting People to Move
- SENDCO Forum
- Autism Education Trust training
- Coaching and modelling EY SEN and SALT
- EHCP Decision Making Groups Training
- Mental Health First Aid Training

2. Do you offer assistance to those staff who require it?

Yes

3. Where are the nearest accessible car parks and what alternative public transport is available?

The school has a car park that is situated to the right of the building, however it is not accessible to parents during drop off and collection times because of the risk factors associated. We would make alternative provision for any parent / child who required parking. There is ample parking in the surrounding areas to the nursery

4. Is there a drop off point close to the main entrance?

Yes

5. Is the outside of the building well lit?

There are lights around the car park and building. There is street lighting directly opposite the School providing ample lighting. Our 'Health and Safety checks report any changes or lights that are not working

6. Are there any other issues regarding the approach to your premises that may cause difficulty?

No

7. Where are your main entrance points and are they clearly marked?

Yes

The entrance is directly at the front of the building and it is clearly signposted

8. What is the main accessible entrance for wheelchair users?

The wheelchair user access is the same entrance that is available to all users. The extension to the front of the building conforms to recent regulations

9. Is the access to the building level or is there a permanent ramp?

Access is level with the exception of the gate that leads to the car park which has a permanent ramp

10. Do you have a temporary / portable ramp available if required?

Yes

11. Do you have an intercom system at the building entrance for visitors to attract attention if required?

No.

Following a recent incident, a risk assessment was carried out and the main entrance gates remain locked once all the children are in the building. The school telephone number is displayed for visitors to contact staff for the gate to be opened. An intercom system on the gate is being explored

12. Are there any steps into your building and do these steps have handrails?

N/A

13. Are your main entry doors wide enough for easy wheelchair access?

Yes

14. Are the doors easy to open and are they easily identifiable?

All doors are fitted with a security fob system; staff have specific fobs to allow them to exit and enter through them. All Parents / carers are assisted through the security doors and this would be the same with a wheel chair user

15. Do you have easy to use lever style door in an emergency?

Yes

All doors release in the case of an emergency

16. Can a wheel chair user enter your building unaided?

A wheelchair user could enter the building once the front gate is unlocked and following locking release of the front door and outward opening

17. If a wheel chair user needs assistance to enter the building what assistance would you be able to offer?

The school telephone number is displayed on the gate to alert staff a visitor requires access. Reception staff would be available to provide any assistance required. The office is staffed between the hours of 8.00am-3.45pm

18. Once inside the building, can a wheelchair user get to use all areas unaided?

No

We operate a security system on all doors that requires a fob to allow access; therefore, all visitors are assisted around school, this applies to wheelchair users also. The main body of the building has wide doors. There may be slight difficulty with accessing outdoors as there are door strips between inside and outside. Staff would be available to assist

19. Is someone with mobility impairment able to use your services without assistance?

Yes, within the school

There may be difficulties when moving from inside to outside due to the door strip between them both. Staff would be able to assist

20. Would a wheelchair user be able to get to the counters?

Yes

Our reception counter has two levels, the visitors book sits at a height accessible to all

21. Can a wheelchair user get to the reception counter?

Yes – as above

22. If you have a lift, can a wheelchair user use it?

N/A no lift

23. Do you have internal steps and if so do they have handrails or banisters for people to use?

No internal steps

24. Do you have an area where people can sit down and rest should they need to?

Yes, we have a reception area with seating and a Staff room.

25. Do you have any literature or advertising material in any of the following formats? – Large print, Braille, Audio tapes?

No

26. Have you got any induction loops for hearing impaired people?

No

27. Can you offer any sign language interpreters?

Yes

The Inclusion Leader has contact details for interpreters that can be called upon should the need arise. All staff have received 'Makaton' training

28. How would you assist a hard of hearing or visually impaired person to use the school?

We would complete individual assessments based on individual needs and make reasonable adjustments as and when required

29. Are signs clear and appropriately placed to ensure they can be seen easily?

Yes

30. Do you offer visitor toilets and if so have they been adapted to allow a wheelchair user to use them?

We have a disabled toilet and a visitor toilet

31. Is access to the toilets and other areas kept clear

Yes

32. Can a wheelchair user get into the cubicle and shut the door easily?

Yes

33. Can a wheelchair be reversed alongside the toilet?

Yes

34. Is there room for a large electric wheelchair to turn within the WC area

No, however toilet is situated with enough space to allow electric wheel chair to reverse out of the area. Staff would be on hand to provide assistance if required.

35. Do you have grab rails within the WC?

Yes

36. Do you have an assistance alarm within the accessible W.C and does it work?

No

37. Do you provide baby changing facilities and are these facilities accessible for a wheelchair user?

Yes

We have an adjustable height changing bed that is located in the children's main toilets. It is serviced annually. Staff would assist and chaperone any adult accessing the toilet area.

38. Fire Evacuation

Detail how you meet the needs of disabled people in the event of a fire.

Children who need additional support in the event of a fire have a 'Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan', (PEEP), carried out. This is stored on the child's file, placed in the front of the relevant register and shared with staff.

39. Is there anyone within your school specifically responsible for disabled access?
Yes
Armela Patel and Marie Wilkes are responsible for disabled access

General Comments and recommendation
The building is designed to keep children safe; therefore, there are some aspects that may prove more difficult for wheelchair users. Staff would always assist them.
We have some actions to work on to make the building more accessible and we continually review the audit as new children and staff attend

The New Hub
The room has permanent ramp access which leads to a double door entrance, however a wheel chair user would require assistance to manoeuvre over the door strip. The sensory area was designed and created by an experienced company and all SEND staff have received training on the use of the equipment.

Disability and Accessibility Action Plan

Finding	Action	Person Responsible	Time Scale
No intercom on main entrance gate	To explore practicalities and costing of having intercom system placed on the front main gate.	Senior Management Team	Not yet addressed
No advertising material in large print or braille	Only leaflets available in the reception area are provided by Walsall Council Family Information Service. Their team will be contacted to enquire if leaflets are available in large print or braille.	Alex Bowater	1 week
No assistance alarm in disabled WC. To comply with BS8300:2009, **NEW** disabled WCs and washrooms should be	If a refurbishment is carried out on the current disabled WC, an alarm would be fitted to comply with the British Standard.	Senior Management Team	Not yet addressed

fitted with a disabled alarm			
No induction loops for hearing impaired people. Hearing augmentation is required in certain spaces that already have an inbuilt amplification system. Personal FM systems can be purchased for individual children, using Disability Access Fund when advised by Supporting Qualified Teacher of the Deaf	To continually assess the requirements of staff and children.	Senior Management Team	On going

Audit Reviewed by Marie Wilkes 28.9.2023

Signed: - Chair of Governors (SEND)

Signed: - A.V. Patel Interim Head Teacher

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Date of next audit 28.9.2024