

**Cowes Primary  
School**



**Accessibility Plan**

**Reviewed by:**           **Headteacher**

**On:**                       **July 2024**

**Next review due:**       **July 2027**

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## **ACCESSIBILITY PLAN – SELF-ASSESSMENT**

**2024 - 2027**



**Approved by: Headteacher**

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**Introduction:**

Schools generally want to be fully inclusive, but sometimes are not sure what things need to be considered and may not have much guidance or information. As a local provider of education we want to ensure that we are providing the best possible access to learning at Cowes Primary School. To ensure that we achieve this we undertake a self-assessment on an annual basis.

**How the self-assessment works:**

We look at how inclusive we are by identifying how we are performing against each of the twelve areas below and rank them according to achievement and progress. We then discuss our initial findings with staff, governors and the school council. Areas that are identified as red or amber are priority areas for action and are progressed by using an action plan which is monitored by governors and the senior leadership team and can be found as an appendices to the policy. However, we are not complacent, areas that are identified as either green or super green are also monitored to ensure that we maintain or improve those levels.

Achievements are highlighted as follows:



## Self-assessment – how inclusive is Cowes Primary School?

Date: June 2024

	Red	Amber	Green	Super Green
Inclusion/ exclusion	Disabled young people are actively or passively excluded e.g. parents being told that the activity is not suitable	Disabled young people are included, but actively not adapted to optimise involvement Needs of disabled young people not adequately considered or planned for	Disabled young people are included and activity adapted, when required, to optimise involvement Needs of disabled young people considered and planned for	Pro-active approach to including disabled young people by all staff Effective inclusion plans in place and in regular use by all staff
Policies & procedures	No recognition of inclusion in policies or procedures	Recognition of inclusion policies in place but no evidence of implementation	All staff aware of and implement them and inclusion in all policies Staff contribute to reviewing and up-dating inclusion policies	All staff aware of and actively implement inclusion policies Staff, parents and disabled young people contribute to reviewing and updating inclusion policies
Safeguarding	Safeguarding or child protection policies not in place or up to date Staff unaware of procedures or protocols CRB checks not done for any or many staff	Safeguarding and child protection policies in place, but not universally adhered to Inconsistent staff awareness of procedures and protocols CRB check are completed for some staff	Safeguarding and child protection policies in place, adhered to and regularly updated Staff aware of procedures and protocols CRB checks are completed for all staff Management mindful of safer recruiting legislation School committed to keeping young people safe	Safeguarding and child protection policies in place, actively adhered to and regularly updated Staff aware and adhere to procedures and protocols CRB/DBS checks are completed for all staff and are regularly updated All staff mindful of safer recruiting legislation School and all staff are committed to keeping young people safe
Risk management	No recognition of inclusion aspects in risk assessment	Staff consider ways to work with disabled young people with specific individual needs on arrival and manage risks accordingly	Prior to arrival risk assessments are discussed with the disabled young people and their parent(s)/guardians and are managed accordingly	Dynamic individual risk assessments are done for high risk users prior to arrival Standard risk assessments include specifics of working with people both with physical and learning difficulties Strategies are recorded for managing groups with challenging behaviour

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Wheelchair accessibility	No access to building or surrounding/outside areas for wheelchair users No accessible toilets available	Limited access to building or surrounding/outside areas for wheelchair users Room layouts restrict manoeuvrability Accessible toilet available Some doors can be opened independently by wheelchair users	Good access to building or surrounding/outside areas for wheelchair users Room layout provide reasonable to good manoeuvrability Accessible toilets are available Most doors can be opened independently by wheelchair users	All areas are fully accessible for wheelchair users Room layouts provide excellent manoeuvrability Accessible toilets with changing table is available All doors can be opened independently by wheelchair users
General accessibility	Environment not suitable for physical and sensory difficulties (e.g. no ramps, signage, induction loops)	Some disabled young people's specific physical and sensory needs are met	Most disabled young people's specific physical and sensory needs are met Visual and aural support available as and when identified	All disabled young people's specific physical and sensory needs are met Sound absorbing resources, visual and aural support available Raised letter signage/Braille throughout Fully functional hearing systems in place where appropriate
Promotion	No positive images of disabled people or other groups within school promotional materials No mention of site/activity accessibility within promotional materials	Limited images of disabled people within in promotional materials Limited site/activity accessibility information is included within promotional materials Promotional material only available in standard paper format	Some positive images of disabled people within promotional materials Site/activity accessibility information is included within promotional materials Promotional materials available in other formats if requested in advance Concessions available (e.g. Carers go Free Policy)	Positive images of disabled people within promotional materials Site/activity accessibility information easy to find in promotional materials Promotional materials are presented in an accessible, easy to understand way Promotional materials readily available in other formats Concessions actively promoted (e.g. Carers go free policy)
Community / partnership working	No work with outside agencies (e.g. schools and support workers)	Infrequent working with outside agencies; only when requested by customer or agency	Regularly working with outside agencies to support staff and develop their skills as and when required	Regularly working with many outside agencies to support staff and develop their skills in a proactive manner Empowers staff to share their skills and knowledge with others Signpost parents to outside agencies

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Participation	School does not seek or take account of feedback from disabled young people or parents Feedback that is provided has no influence on practice or policy School does not liaise with disabled young people or parents	School takes feedback from disabled and of other groups of young people when it is offered There is no organised process for collection of feedback Feedback is used to influence selected elements of practice Some communication (formal and informal) with disabled young people and parents to identify individual needs	School encourages disabled young people and parents to provide feedback and consult on all aspects of provision There is an organised process for consultation Feedback is used frequently to adapt practice and policy as required Regular communication with disabled young people and parents to share information and to jointly plan for the needs of the young person (methods include both formal and informal conversations)	Disabled young people and parents are involved in all aspects of the design, assessments and evaluation of practice, delivery and policy Feedback is sought via a wide range of opportunities to ensure inclusive consultation and is published in all appropriate methods as and when required Feedback is constantly used to adapt practice and policy Pro-actively involving disabled young people and parents through regular communication
Staff training /approachability	Staff receive no disability awareness training	Some staff receive disability awareness training Staff generally display a positive attitude towards inclusion	All staff receive disability awareness training Staff are friendly and approachable and work towards finding positive solutions for everyone to ensure involvement	Specific training offered to staff which includes condition specific training to meet the individual needs of the people attending Staff are friendly and approachable and work towards finding positive solutions before issues arise All staff are regularly trained and certificates are kept up to date
Communication / visual support	No evidence of visual support available (e.g. picture cues, Makaton, use of props)	Inconsistent use of visual support, used only as a resource for individual young people Staff have some awareness of alternative communication systems available	Consistently, clearly labelled and well presented use of visual support Makaton would be made available if required Staff have good knowledge of alternative communication systems available	Range of visual support in place (variety of visual aids resources available and used) Evidence of signing environment Staff have excellent knowledge of alternative communication systems available Environment adapted to suit child's needs e.g. low distraction areas

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Autism/Asperger's awareness	No awareness or understanding of young people with autistic spectrum disorder (ASD)	Staff have some awareness of ASD	<p style="background-color: #c6e0b4;">Some staff have received ASD awareness training</p> <p>Staff use a variety of approaches to meet the needs of young people with ASD</p> <p>Consideration given prior to sessions on how to reduce potential anxiety of young people with ASD when running activities</p>	<p>All staff have received ASD awareness training</p> <p style="background-color: #70ad47; color: white;">Activities delivered in a way that considers different users specific needs</p> <p style="background-color: #70ad47; color: white;">Consideration and implementation of inclusion methods specific to young people with ASD (provided by parents prior to sessions), on how to reduce potential anxiety of individuals</p>
Forced school closure	No access to education provision for all pupils during forced school closure	Limited access to education provision for all pupils during forced school closure	<p style="background-color: #c6e0b4;">Forced closures can limit 1:1 support to pupils due to the requirements placed on the school during forced closures</p>	<p>All staff provide home learning packs for all children taking into account the needs of individual pupils learning needs, including those with SEND. Work is differentiated and supported via online contact with pupils and their families.</p> <p>The HT and SLT send regular updates through a range of media, including website updates, newsletters &amp; letters home. HT provides updates to the LA</p>

## ACTION PLAN 2021 - 2022

Area	Issue	Action	Outcome	Lead	Date
	No identified actions July 2018. Further reviews will consider actions if identified.				
	No identified actions July 2019				
	No identified actions March 20				
	No identified actions June 2021				
	June 2024 - Update to dynamic risk assessment (super green) and removal of references to CV19				



# 1 Related Documents

- Single Equality Policy
- Guidance on equality, Diversity and Governance
- Equality Impact Assessment timetable
- School Improvement Plan
- KCSIE Policy
- Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

## 2 Appendix

### 2.1 Glossary of Terms

• ASD	Autistic Spectrum Disorder
• Makaton	Language programme using signs and symbols to help people communicate
• COVID 19	Coronavirus 2020 (forced school closures)