

Bedlingtonshire Community High School

Accessibility Policy



Introduction

Bedlingtonshire Community High School is committed to providing a full, inclusive curriculum for all students and for all students to feel valued. We want all our students to achieve their full potential academically, emotionally, physically and spiritually.

The Governing Body recognises its responsibility under the Equality Act 2010. As part of the Equality Act, a new combined public authority duty was introduced from April 2011, covering all protected characteristics. Protected characteristics include:

- Age.
- Disability.
- Gender reassignment.
- Marriage and civil partnerships.
- Pregnancy and maternity.
- Race.
- Religion and belief.
- Sex and sexual orientation.

The Governing Body recognises its duty;

- Not to treat disabled students less favourably for a reason related to their disability.
- To make reasonable adjustments for disabled students so they are not at a substantial disadvantage.
- To publish an Accessibility Policy to increase access to education for disabled students.

The policy has three interlinked elements

1. Increasing the extent to which disabled students can participate in the school curriculum by:
 - Providing for all students a curriculum which is appropriate to their needs.
 - Ensuring that the curriculum is taught in such a way that all students, regardless of any disability may benefit fully from it.
2. Improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled students can take advantage of education and associated services by:
 - Ensuring that all the school buildings and grounds are fully accessible to students with mobility, sensory and other disabilities (impairments).
 - Providing appropriate educational equipment and physical aids to ensure that the curriculum can be accessed fully by all students.
3. Improving the provision of information in a range of formats for disabled students by:
 - Providing for students and their parents/carers information about the school and its curriculum in a format that takes account of any disabilities.

It is a requirement that the school's accessibility policy is resourced, implemented and revised as necessary and reported on annually.

An action policy showing how the school will address its priorities is available on request.

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