



## Compass PRU

### Accessibility Plan 2020-2023

Governors' Committee responsible	Personnel, Finance & Resource Committee
Link Senior Governor	SEN Governor
Link SLT	SENCO
Date Reviewed	March 2020
Next Review Date	March 2023
Linked Policies	

*Our aim is to help all our learners unlock their potential in life and work*

*Alison Glazier* Signed March 2020

Head teacher

## Equality Impact Assessment – initial screening record

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<p>Comment by Headteacher No changes to this policy at this time awaiting DCC guidance for GDPR</p> <p>Signed: <i>Alison Glazier</i> Dated 22.04.2020</p> <p><b>Headteacher</b></p>																																					

## 1. Introduction

All schools must have an Accessibility Plan. This is required by law (the Equality Act 2010).

Accessibility Plans set out how, over time, a school will:

- a) increase access to the curriculum for disabled pupils;
- b) improve the physical environment of the school to increase access for disabled pupils; and
- c) make written information more accessible to disabled pupils by providing information in a range of different ways.

A person has a disability if they have a **physical** or **mental impairment** that has a **substantial** and **long-term** adverse effect on their ability to carry out **normal day-to-day activities**.

## 2. Other policies

Our Accessibility Plan complements and supports our:

- *Special educational needs and disability policy and related SEN information report;*
- *policy for Supporting pupils at school with medical conditions;* and our
- Equality Information and Equality Objectives.

It should also be read alongside the following school policies, strategies and documents:

- Curriculum Policy
- Health & Safety Policy (including off-site safety)
- Behaviour for Learning Policy
- School Development Plan

## 3. Our vision and aims

Compass Learning Centre wants everyone within our school to feel welcome, valued and included in the school community. We are committed to providing a fully accessible environment to enable this to happen.

Our pupils are provided with high quality learning opportunities so that each child achieves all that they can. We want all our pupils to feel confident and have a positive view of themselves.

We want our pupils with a disability to access all elements of school life, including alternative curriculum and trips. We recognise that we may have to do things a little differently to make this happen.

We are committed to taking positive action in the spirit of the Equality Act 2010, by removing disadvantage faced by pupils with a disability and eliminating discrimination.

We will ensure that through whole school training, all staff and governors will be aware of our duties to support children with disabilities, in line with the Equality Act 2010.

In implementing our Accessibility Plan, we will take into account the views, wishes and feelings of our pupils and their families.

## **4. Current good practice**

### **Identification**

Compass Learning Centre asks for information on any disabilities or health conditions in early communications with new parents and carers. We also carefully observe our pupils' progress and behaviour and will discuss any concerns with parents and carers regularly.

### **Curriculum**

Compass Learning Centre has improved access to the curriculum for disabled pupils through the following means:

- using dedicated laptops and interactive Whiteboards to support the curriculum;
- providing a differentiated curriculum, designed according to need and where necessary with specialist input, for those pupils that require this;
- offering a Continued Professional Development (CPD) programme to ensure that all staff are knowledgeable of the impact of social emotional mental health, ADHD, attachment difficulties on learning;
- organising classrooms so that they promote the participation and independence of all pupils;
- modifying worksheets and curriculum content into large font for pupils with a visual impairment (VI).
- Modifying whiteboard backgrounds and font to support pupils with visual impairment and specific learning difficulties
- Applying for large font text exam papers for pupils with visual impairment.

### **Physical Environment**

Compass Learning Centre has already improved the physical environment of the school to increase access for disabled pupils by:

- providing flat or ramped access to all school entrances;
- dedicating 3 parking bays outside the main school entrance for pupils and families, and visitors with a disability;
- providing an accessible toilets;
- ensuring that there is good lighting throughout school, making use of natural light where possible and reducing glare through the use of blinds and film fitted to windows in classrooms, hall and offices;
- removing and fixing of potential trip hazards and keeping all floor spaces uncluttered;
- ensuring data projectors, plumbing and heating are regularly serviced and not too noisy wherever possible.

### **Information**

Compass Learning Centre already makes written information more accessible to disabled pupils through:

- modifying written information so that this is available in large print for pupils with a visual impairment;
- adhering to guidelines from specialists (such as the Hearing and Vision Support Services) regarding the presentation of all written information, paying attention to layout and colour;
- providing large font versions of our school policies (on request)

- using social stories and picture symbols to explain school rules for pupils who benefit from this.

## 5. Implementation

Our Accessibility Plan shows how access to Compass Learning Centre will be improved for disabled pupils (and for staff and visitors to the school) and anticipates how we will make reasonable adjustments to support them whenever possible. We will ensure that we do so within a reasonable timeframe.

Reasonable adjustments are positive actions that help pupils with a disability to fully participate in school life.

In doing this, we have thought about:

- how to ensure disabled pupils are as prepared for life as their non-disabled peers;
- how we can encourage pupils with a disability to take part in leisure and cultural activities and school visits;
- how we might provide auxiliary aids and services (something or someone that provides help or support) to pupils with a disability to support their access to the curriculum;
- adding specialist facilities to our school as necessary and improving the physical environment;
- how we can improve the delivery of written information, including making this available in various preferred formats and within a reasonable timeframe.

Our Accessibility Plan has been written based upon information from the Local Authority (or site surveyor) and in liaison with pupils, parents, staff and governors of the school. It will advise other school planning documents.

Compass Learning Centre will work in partnership with the Dorset Council in developing and implementing this Accessibility Plan and will adopt in principle the *Local Authority Strategy for Accessibility*.

Environmental or physical works undertaken in the school to improve access will follow and be guided by the relevant building regulations as advised by the Site Surveyor and the *Local Authority Strategy for Accessibility*.

We will consult with experts when new situations regarding pupils with disabilities are experienced.

Compass Learning Centre's Accessibility Plan will be implemented by Kerry Taylor , Becky Hubbard

Sufficient resources will be allocated by Compass Learning Centre to implement this Accessibility Plan.

## 6. Monitoring

Compass Learning Centre Accessibility Plan covers a three year period but will be reviewed regularly and updated if needed. It will be monitored through the Full Governor Board.

The governing body, or proprietor will monitor Compass Learning Centre's activity under the Equality Act 2010 (and in particular Schedule 10 regarding Accessibility and Schedule 13 regarding Reasonable Adjustments) and will advise upon the compliance with that duty.

The Compass Learning Centre Accessibility Plan may be monitored by Ofsted during Inspection processes in relation to Schedules 10 and 13 of the Equality Act 2010.

The Compass Learning Centre complaints procedure covers the Accessibility Plan.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Review date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Compass Accessibility Action Plan 2020-2013**

**Improving the Physical Access at Compass Learning Centre**

The Compass is a single storey building on a level site which was a former school for students with severe learning and physical disabilities. It has wide doorways to classroom and all corridors. All rooms are accessible to wheelchair users. There is an accessible toilet for wheelchair uses.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Cost £</b>
<i>Cost out the items specified below</i>	Seek LA advice with regards to the costs of these activities, which will also enable us to make an estimate of time required.		
Resurface / clean walkway leading to Hub entrances	Provide a safer surface for all users accessing all entrance and exit points by the Hub building	By September 2021	TBC

**The Compass Accessibility Action Plan 2018-2022**

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Signage	New signage for car park, visitors and accessible parking	By September 2019	£400
Security fencing and gates	Intercom fitted to access accessible parking spaces and for security of site	April 2019	£4000
First Aid facilities	First aid room provided to facilitate a sterile environment for treatment	September 2018 complete	£3000
Portable hearing loop	For those members of staff and students with hearing impairments	DCC will only supply this to named rooms used by particular students.	£150
Black out blinds and/or film fitted to windows	Blinds or film fitted to windows to address sun glare on smartboards to improve visibility	September 2018	£500
Repair of and Re-surfacing of driveway	To provide a safer road surface for accessibility for road users	By September 2019 for repair	TBC

**The Compass Accessibility Action Plan 2012-2014**

**Improving the Curriculum Access at The Compass**

<u>Target</u>	<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Outcome</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Achievement</u>
Training for teachers on differentiating the curriculum	Undertake an audit of staff training requirements	All teachers are able to more fully meet the requirements of disabled children's needs with regards to accessing the curriculum	2011 and ongoing	Increase in access to the National Curriculum



**The Compass Action Accessibility Plan 2011-2013**

**Improving the Delivery of Written Information at The Compass**

<b>TARGET</b>	<b>STRATEGY</b>	<b>OUTCOME</b>	<b>TIMEFRAME</b>	<b>ACHIEVEMENT</b>
Availability of written material in alternative formats	The centre will make itself aware of the services available through the LA for converting written information into alternative formats.	The centre will be able to provide written information in different formats when required for individual purposes.	From Jan 2011	Delivery of information to disabled students improved.
Review documentation with a view of ensuring accessibility for students with visual impairment	Get advice from HVSS on alternative formats and use of IT software to produce customized materials.	All centre information available for all	Already in place if required	Delivery of centre information to students & parents or carers with visual difficulties improved.