

Heartwood Church of England Academy Trust



Accessibility Plan

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Woodside C of E Primary School Aims statement

We aim to provide a school which fosters confident, highly motivated and happy children and one which ensures that every child has the opportunity to fulfil their all-round potential through a broad and balanced curriculum which engenders equal opportunities for all.

Accessibility Plan

At Woodside Church of England Primary School, we are committed to making our school a welcoming place for all. As a church school, we promote the principles of fairness and justice for all in line with gospel teachings, and in doing so welcome all members of the learning, working and visiting community into our school.

Facilities exist for Disabled users and visitors (Installed September 2008)

We do our utmost to ensure that all visitors are afforded good access and a warm welcome.

The school provides the following:

- 1 Disabled car park space immediately in front of the school entrance
- Flat access from the car park
- 1 adult disabled toilet located in the front entrance hall
- 1 disabled toilet in the parent room
- 1 changing room with shower
- 1 lift from key stage 1 into the hall
- 1 lift from the ICT suite onto the KS2 corridor with exit /entrance to the KS2 playground
- Carpet soundproofing to all classrooms and corridors
- Well illuminated classrooms and corridors
- Good outdoor lighting
- All stairs in the school have steps with edges which are demarcated in a different colour
- All classrooms and offices have blinds fitted to reduce glare
- All but two of our classrooms are closed (2 open plan)
- Clear signage around the building
- Interactive White Boards in all classrooms

- Ability to increase print size where necessary.
- All staircases fitted with hand rails
- Outside access to playgrounds have ramp access for wheel chair users
- Regular support from EIS (Early Intervention Service)
- Access to CAMHS (Child and Adult Mental Health Service) and Educational Psychology where necessary
- Close working relationships with school health team
- Links with property services for health and safety issues, building development and site development
- Collaborative style of Leadership which welcomes the views, beliefs, ideas and concerns of all of the community
- A well balanced and differentiated curriculum to meet the needs of all of the pupils
- Provision of a rich learning environment whereby successes of the whole child are celebrated
- Ensuring that residential visits will support the needs of all of our learners
- Children on regular medication are supported as per the school's 'Administering Medicines in School Policy.'

Attitudes to disability

Everyone is warmly welcomed into Woodside C of E Primary School. The School aims statement is inclusive and promotes the rights of every individual. It is the duty of all members of staff to promote our Christian ethos. In addition;

- We ensure that facilities and building improvements include provision for both disabled and able bodied users
- Health and safety checks are actively encouraged by the Headteacher
- We have a fair and open admissions policy which is available on the school website
- There is a commitment by the Headteacher and Governing body to access funding to meet the needs of pupils, staff and visitors
- We have non discriminatory practices in the recruitment of staff which is monitored by the Heartwood MAT Board.

In the event of new pupils joining the school with specific disabilities the following areas would be reviewed and action taken as appropriate to meet the needs of the individual;

- Accessibility of ICT
- Staff CPD in disability awareness and support for particular needs
- 'Reasonable Adjustments' will be considered where appropriate
- Participation in extra-curricular activities to remove barriers where possible
- School behaviour and discipline policy
- Personal Evacuation plans