



Cape Cornwall School

Accessibility Plan

2026-2028



School Name: Cape Cornwall School

Consultation: This policy has been written in line with DfE legislation

Dissemination: Website and staff share.

Date becomes effective: Immediately

Review date: March 2028

Person responsible for Implementation and Monitoring: Headteacher

Links to other relevant policies: Examination policies, SEND Policy, Equality Policy, Safeguarding Policy

Section 1: Introduction

Schools are required under the Equality Act 2010 to have an accessibility plan. The purpose of the plan is to:

- Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the curriculum
- Improve the physical environment of the school to enable disabled pupils to take better advantage of education, benefits, facilities and services provided
- Improve the availability of accessible information to disabled pupils

Our school aims to treat all students fairly and with respect. We are committed to providing access and opportunities for all students without discrimination of any kind.

Our school is committed to ensuring staff are trained in equality issues with reference to the Equality Act 2010, including understanding disability and accessibility requirements.

The school works in partnership with community and external agencies, as appropriate, to develop and implement our plan.

A range of stakeholders are routinely consulted to ensure that policies and procedures reflect the views of students, parents and carers, Local Monitoring Committee members, staff and the wider community.

Section 2: Legislation and Guidance

This document meets the requirements of [schedule 10 of the Equality Act 2010](#) and the Department for Education (DfE) [guidance for schools on the Equality Act 2010](#).

It also aligns with the SEND Code of Practice (0–25), Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE), and current DfE advice on inclusive education.

The Equality Act 2010 defines an individual as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment that has a 'substantial' and 'long-term' adverse effect on their ability to undertake normal day to day activities.

Under the [Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) Code of Practice](#), 'long-term' is defined as 'a year or more' and 'substantial' is defined as 'more than minor or trivial'. The definition includes sensory impairments such as those affecting sight or hearing, and long-term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, epilepsy and cancer.

Schools are required to make 'reasonable adjustments' for students with disabilities under the Equality Act 2010, to alleviate any substantial disadvantage that a disabled student faces in comparison with non-disabled students. This can include, for example, the provision of auxiliary aids, assistive technology, and adjustments to the school premises.

Section 3: Current Position

Cape Cornwall School has made significant progress in improving accessibility, both for our mainstream provision and Area Resource Base. We employ inclusive teaching practices, have a dedicated and experienced SEND team – including an ARB Lead, and physical adaptations such as ramps and accessible toilets. In addition:

- Enhanced accessibility through one-to-one devices and technology through the Advantage programme
- Student support and wellbeing is a priority
- Curriculum resources/ texts include examples of people with disabilities
- Equality issues are discussed as part of the curriculum in all subjects as well as through assemblies
- Curriculum progress is carefully tracked for all students, and for students with SEND or a disability
- The curriculum is reviewed annually to ensure it meets the needs of all learners
- Exam access arrangements are used effectively to ensure students receive individual support
- The school buildings and grounds have been adapted to the needs of students as required, including: ramps, lifts, disabled parking, accessible toilets and changing facilities.
- Strong partnerships with external providers who provide specialist support for students and families, such as health, particularly for students who access the ARB
- Regular monitoring of accessibility
- Individual risk assessments and evacuation plans
- Our school uses a range of communication methods to ensure information and learning is accessible to all, including clear internal signage and route marking.

Section 4: Action Plan

Objective	Action	Responsibility	Timescale
Curriculum Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embed accessibility through technology (Advantage Essentials) • Adopt, adapt and advance the new Connect curriculum and resources and continue to 	DHT (QofE); SENDCo; Teaching Staff DHT (QofE); SENDCo;	Ongoing 2025–2026

	<p>develop across other year groups in line with Trust plan, ensuring that it caters for all students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure teachers plan effectively to meet the needs of all learners, drawing on each student's ILP and passport • Further embed teaching of literacy within the curriculum, focusing in particular on reading, oracy and handwriting • Staff CPD on inclusive teaching. • Deliver CPD on complex SEND strategies and review ARB curriculum annually 	<p>Curriculum Leaders; Teaching Staff</p> <p>DHT (QofE); SENDCo; Coaches; Teaching Staff</p> <p>DHT(QofE); SENDCo; Coaches; Teaching Staff</p> <p>DHT (QofE); SENDCo; Coaches.</p> <p>SENDCo; Deputy SENDCo; Head of ARB; DHT (QofE)</p>	<p>CPD sessions planned regularly across the academic year; curriculum review annually</p>
<p>Belonging, Wellbeing and Attendance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the attendance of students through the tiered approach, including students eligible for FSM, PP, SEND, Young Carers and those with social care involvement • Embed pastoral care and mental health support through the new tiered model 	<p>DHT; AHT; SENCo; Inclusion Team (attendance, SEN, safeguarding, behaviour); Tutors; Teaching Team</p> <p>DHT (QofE); Teaching Team</p>	<p>Ongoing 2025–2026</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careful monitoring and tracking of Cape Active etc. (PD) to ensure participation levels are high for all students (removing any barriers), including students eligible for FSM, PP, SEND, Young Carers and those with social care involvement. Focus on cultural capital and parity of access for ARB students. ARB: Support smooth transitions and inclusion. Develop individual transition plans for ARB students (mainstream integration and post-16 pathways) and embed participation in whole-school activities 	<p>DHT (strategic safeguarding); Inclusion Team</p> <p>SENDCo; Head of ARB</p>	
Physical Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual accessibility audit to ensure the site meets individual needs, including those of new students and staff Maintain ramps, lifts, and accessible toilets 	Premises Manager / Head	Ongoing annually

