

Disability Access Statement

With the introduction of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) and in order to be compliant with section 69 (2) regulation 5, Crestwood Park Primary School, in common with all premises offering access to the public in England and Wales., assumed a mandatory obligation to provide easy access to all parts of the premises for people with disabilities, wherever reasonably practicable.

The Act recognises however, that full access is not always achievable in older buildings, and therefore states that in these cases, people with disabilities should be able to gain easy access into the premises and that the services they require should be made available to them in close proximity to their entry point.

Education and Related Activities

In relation to accessing the curriculum, the school will continue to seek and follow the advice of the Local Authority services and outside agencies. Examples of this include adapting the curriculum offered to ensure that pupils with a disability are equally as prepared for life as able-bodied pupils. This covers teaching and learning and the wider school curriculum such as participation in after-school clubs and school visits and trips. When considering a venue for a school trip, class teachers will seek advice from the SENCo regarding its suitability. Once a venue has been decided on an individual Risk Assessment will be carried out for identified pupils. These Risk Assessments are in accordance with ones provided by The Physical and Medical Inclusion Service for which the SENCo has received training. They are generally completed by the SENCo and Class teacher and are shared with the appropriate parents prior to a visit taking place. A copy of the Risk Assessment is kept in school and a copy is taken on the visit and shared with all appropriate staff.

Where a suggested venue is new to the school, teachers and/ or the SENCo will make a visit prior to confirming whether it is suitable or not for *all* children. In the case of the Year 6 Residential Trip, school will seek advice from the Local Authority, ensuring that any individual needs are catered for.

School Transport

Dudley Local Authority will make decisions to provide transport to and from school, on a case by case basis for children with a disability. If a pupil is unable to go to school because of medical needs or health problems, the Local Authority has a responsibility to enable them to continue with their education. When travelling to and from a school visit or trip, school will ensure that the transport used has adequate facilities to enable all children to take part, including those with disabilities.

Provision of Information

Crestwood Park Primary School will provide information to pupils, staff, parents and visitors in alternative formats when required or requested within a reasonable time frame. When requested, information that is normally provided in writing can be made more accessible by providing it in large print.

Physical Environment

Crestwood Park Primary School comprises of one single story building on one site, built in 1974, with one significant change in floor levels within the main building and one significant change in levels between the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.

To meet the requirements of the legislation, Crestwood Park Primary School currently has a number of ramped/ level access points throughout its premises as follows:

- A power assisted door from inside and outside the main access into school.
- A wheelchair lift for access from the ground floor level of the majority of the school, to the reception and KS1 classrooms.
- Ramp from KS1 to KS2 playground.
- Ramped area from Year 4 classroom onto the playground.
- Ramped area from Year 4 corridor to 'Quiet Area' of KS2 playground.
- There is a disabled toilet in the main corridor leading to the year 5 and 6 classrooms.
- One allocated and marked disabled car parking space.
- A ramped area for access from the ICT suite and the Year 5 and the Year 6 corridor door onto the KS2 playground.
- A ramp into the reception Classroom.
- Improved access for pushchairs and wheelchairs into the mobile classroom.

For more details regarding this statement, please contact the school office on 01384 818315

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