



ACCESSIBILITY

“Our school aims to be an inclusive school. We hope to make all our children welcome and feel happy to look forward to their school day. Every child is different and we view differences as an opportunity for adults and children alike to learn more about ourselves.

If your child has a disability he or she will be treated no less favourably than other applicants for admission. We make reasonable adjustments to ensure that pupils with disabilities are not placed at a substantial disadvantage. Our accessibility plan (available on the school website or at the school office) describes the arrangements we have already made and the further proposals planned, to improve physical access to the school, access to the curriculum and access to written information.

The school has a policy for supporting children with special educational needs which is revised every year. This policy is available on the website and in the school office. Our aim is for all children to have access to all aspects of school life, as far as is reasonable and practicable.

We aim to prevent disabled pupils in our school being placed at a substantial disadvantage. We will take all reasonable steps to ensure that people with a disability are not treated differently without lawful justification. We will make reasonable adjustments for disabled pupils and we will know we have succeeded when disabled pupils are participating fully in school life.

In order for effective partnership working between home and school to take place, we anticipate that parents will want to:

- inform the school at the earliest opportunity if their child has a disability and the exact nature of it;
- provide the information school needs to plan effectively for the child to be a full member of the school community;

- acknowledge that when deciding whether an adjustment is reasonable, one of the factors the Headteacher must consider is the effect of the proposed change on all members of the school community;
- recognise the importance of school and home working in partnership.

Accessibility Arrangements at Millfield:

- Level thresholds for wheelchair accessibility
- Disabled toilets and changing facilities
- Regular liaison with Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy to provide any specialist equipment that may be needed
- Following recommendations suggested by the Hearing Support and Sight Support teams, so that all children are able to access the learning in the classroom
- PEEP (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans) are in place to keep children/staff with disabilities safe
- Intimate Care Plans are put in place for children who need adult support with personal care and changing