



Accessibility Plan

Southchurch High School is committed to providing a fully accessible environment which values and includes all students, staff, parents and visitors regardless of their education, physical, sensory, social, spiritual, emotional and cultural needs.

We are committed to challenging negative attitudes about disability and accessibility and to developing a culture of awareness, tolerance and inclusion.

The school endeavours to meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995, as amended by the Disability Discrimination Act 2005. All reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that disabled students are not placed at any disadvantage compared to non-disabled children. The legislation states that people with disabilities may be treated more favourably and this requirement should be considered.

The school seeks to ensure that, wherever possible, all students have equal access to the full range of educational opportunities provided by the school. The school is committed to providing an environment that allows disabled students full access to all areas of learning or associated services provided for, or offered to, students at the school, including educational visits and other off-site activities.

We already have most of our specialist teaching rooms located on the ground floor with ramps to allow access for wheelchairs.

Teachers will modify teaching and learning as appropriate for students with disabilities. For example, they may give additional time to complete certain activities or modify teaching materials or offer alternative activities where students are unable to manipulate tools or equipment

Renovations and new buildings will take into account DDA requirements

We acknowledge that there is a need for ongoing awareness raising and training for staff and governors in the matter of disability discrimination and the need to inform attitudes on this matter.

As policies are reviewed they will include consideration of matters relating to access.