

Accessibility Plan

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Accessibility of the Curriculum				
Action and Intended Impact	Timelines and Milestones – who, what , when	Resources	Monitoring and Evaluation	
Literacy Developments	Review and restructuring of literacy intervention, introduction of Lexia for all year groups so students can access literacy intervention at home as well as in school – closer tracking of data shared with departments. Raising the profile of whole-school literacy through form time projects and review of the form programme; MHD, JG, MWE Involvement in Altius Word Power project – building inference skills and academic literacy – PC, DFE with outside support from S.Cunnigham 2018-2019	Learning support dpt and staffing Form time activities Inference training and resources from Word Power	MHD has strategic oversight to evaluate impact of sessions Student and staff voice throughout the process Robust form time learning walks fortnightly to look at the impact of Word Power and Article of the Week Initial observations of lessons delivered by DFE have been very good	
Structuring curriculum choices around individual needs	Review KS4 offer – look to build more quality alternatives to GCSEs if appropriate – e.g NCFE, BTEC, Cambridge Technical; option support removed – Study Plus which offers more skills in English, maths and science with subject specialists CLM / PC with MH – Oct 2018, - offer in place for KS4 options Jan 2019	research and planning time; research at high attaining schools	Discussions have taken place regarding the options available for students from Sept. 2019 – introduction of BTEC qualifications as a result	
	Ensuring access arrangement practices are robust and tracked/monitored prior to students completing examinations – new process implemented and designed Introduction of provision mapping software has allowed for greater tracking and sharing of information for individual learning needs with staff; formulation of IPPs and accessibility to key learning documents for staff such as EHCPs, Educational Psychologist Reports etc.	Testing materials; time for SFI Provision map software	MHD, LD, HWE, LLE to work with SFI and subject teachers, tracking and monitoring AA in place MHD/LLE to review, revise and update regularly	
Introduce new Supporting Students with medical conditions policy + additional guidance on asthma	EMET policies adopted October 2021. Additional asthma guidelines published June 2018. Links to this within the attendance policy March 2019 AMA/MHD. NHS diabetes awareness and epilepsy training to be finalised.	Policies and support from healthcare on Epipens etc.	DP liaised with NHS on diabetic and epipen training. NHS delivered Anaphylaxis training at school on 1.12.22. NHS guide the school on	



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regarding any changes to

facilities



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to make A level Science

curriculum fully accessible

			diabetic training for individual students as required. MHD/LLE to ensure all care plans are up to date
Training on Disability Discrimination Act –ensure staff understand duties to promote accessibility of curriculum, including trips and visits	Training on differentiation and inclusivity has been delivered to all staff to avoid OSFA – next step would be to raise the profile of stretch and challenge with all teachers and leaders	MHD planning time; whole staff CPD time	MHD to quality assure in lessons through drop-ins / learning walks DP/MHD to spot check external visits to ensure they are accessible
Longer term: Science Labs –	RYA (Head of Science) to lead on requirements with support from	RYA/CLM/EMET	RYA / CLM to feedback at SLT

CLM as previous HOD. This would be part of a project from EMET

capital resources with support from D Peet/CLM.

Accessibility of the Physical	Environment		
Action and Intended Impact	Timelines and Milestones – who, what , when	Resources	Monitoring and Evaluation
Improvements on Lumsdale site to	DCC work – improvements identified July 2017	DCC funding	Site staff to check markings
make environment more accessible			and handrails still suitable.
for visually impaired students –	Markings completed Sept 2018		DP added to Site Manager/
 Extending handrails at various 			caretaker work schedule – Jan
locations	Handrails completed Sept 2018		2023 (to be recorded). Will
Yellow tracks throughout school			update MHD/LLE on progress
Marking on edge of stairs			after February half-term.
Markings on posts in coffee bar			
Accessibility of 6 th form	Programme of works discussed and commissioned with DCC.	DCC funding	Work carried out for DCC was
Wheelchair access to Computer	Changes to ICT / study area to be completed within school		not fit for purpose due to there
space in 6 th form	Wheelchair access to computer space deemed impractical.		being no automatic door on
Platform lift to be installed	Rise and fall desk in library gives the same, if not better,		leaving the platform lift and
Wider access into canteen	provision.		incorrect doors fitted to toilets.
Accessible toilet / space in	Platform lift – installed but student left prior to completion.		Meeting planned Jan 2023 with
existing canteen staff changing	DCC unable to remove due to cost. Door from lift to corridor		lift installer to decide on future
space	not suitable for wheelchair user. DCC did not build this into		of the platform lift. Also, new
	the scheme.		toilet in old canteen staff area
	Wider access to canteen completed Sep 2018.		is not fit for purpose as the



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	Accessible toilet completed Sep 2018.		toilet does not function correctly and there isn't enough room for a wheelchair to turn around. DP has raised these issues with DCC but they are not changing anything, so DP, MHD, LLE and GN Site Manager will set up a meeting to look at the feasibility of the 6th form being an accessible space.
Accessibility of Reception at Lumsdale – needs a ramped access	DP meeting DCC surveyors 3/7/18 – no ramp was supplied. To re-visit with EMET.	DCC funding	DP/AW/MHD to liaise with EMET on providing an access ramp into visitors' Reception.
	Ensure at least one space at both sites is reserved for disabled parking for ease of access Staff in reception to welcome visitors to ease the signing in process with clear communication structures to get visitors to	Site team time and maintenance Signing in book, effective comm	DP emailed AW 10.1.23 to try to resurrect with EMET.
	where they need to be	system	Review of system yearly to explore any alternatives
Regular practice of Evacuation procedures	To be built into Learning Support training on a termly basis – TA team Leaders Lumsdale: Evac chair in Art, DCC promised evac mats in MFL and Science but these did not materialize. This to be considered when carrying out PEEPs Starkholmes: Evac mats on 2 upper floors. DP to arrange audit of school wheelchairs. MHD and DP to review PEEPs for specific students	Training costs and time	MHD/DP to review evacuation plans and procedures Meeting set up to review PEEPs and procedures Jan 2023.
Check any queries arising from extensive Accessibility audit: Handrails Adequate lighting in car parks Ramps and stairs Clearance for wheelchairs Doors / door handles easily distinguishable?	DP to work with site staff to complete checks.	DP and site staff to complete audit; meeting time and planning time required	DP/site staff – checks. Added to checklists for Site Manager and caretakers Jan 2023 (to be recorded). Update on progress will follow after Feb half-term.



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Door closure actionAvailability of remote controls for doors			
Complete checks on both sites to ensure existing provisions to promote accessibility are in place / in working order: • Lifts / platform lifts	Maintenance programme – lifts serviced by: Lumsdale: Access ETC. Library and D&T lifts problematic. Starkholmes: platform – Access ETC; passenger – Stannah.	Ongoing maintenance from lift companies and time from DP to liaise with said companies	Staff to report any issues; DP to collate and ensure they are rectified immediately by maintenance companies DP meeting lift contractor 11.1.23 to discuss the significant lift problems at Lumsdale. Discussions will be summarised and discussed with SLT. Additional funding will be required. Starkholmes passenger lift (Stannah) has recently had major repairs and, as at 10.1.23, is functioning correctly.
Possible - Longer terms developments: Improved provision for hearing impaired e.g. installation of hearing loop Textured surfaces and tactile information Making staffroom and staff facilities at Starkholmes wheelchair accessible	Any improvements would be incorporated into EMET capital projects.	Planning time and funding from EMET for any potential work	Ongoing evaluation of any works and any potential works necessary



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Accessibility of Information			
Action Required	Timelines and Milestones – who, what , when	Resources	Monitoring and Evaluation
Check website for accessibility of information	Integrate into regular checks of website for compliance – Oct 2018, Jan2019, April 2019, July 2019 Ensure the correct font, size and graphics are used	PCO to complete check	Regular and planned monitoring from PCO and admin to ensure the website remains compliant
	on the website		
	Ensure all hyperlinks and tabs work correctly linking stakeholders to the right information promptly		
Check school documents written in accessible language	Scrutiny of any documents sent from the school by the member of staff taking accountability	Time for members of staff to plan communication and	Letters / key information passes through a gatekeeper to ensure all information is accurate and
	Review of policies and procedures that are in the public domain	QA information in the public domain	accessible in the public domain
	Quality assurance of any governor's documents and use of standardised proformas and templates	Time to produce and check reports	
Information available in large print formats / Braille	VI service guidance required	Time to review current information accessibility and meeting time with DCC	Consultation with VI service regarding this
Longer term developments: Textured surfaces and tactile information	Largely depending on what is needed, EMET will be responsible for Capital changes but school is responsible for repairs, maintenance and low level change.	Planning time and funding from EMET for any potential work.	Ongoing evaluation of any works and any potential works necessary