

## Birkby Infant & Nursery School

### School Accessibility Plan 2021 - 2024

#### **Part A: Improving the physical environment**

Provision and strategies already in place:

- \*Ramped access points to Nursery, Modular Building and main school building.
- \*Accessible play areas for all pupils, including designated outdoor play areas for Reception and Nursery.
- \*Wide entrance for wheelchair access in ball court area.
- \*Disabled/adapted toilets/shower/nappy changing facilities available.
- \*Accessible learning areas, including ground floor classrooms, refurbished library and ICT facilities.
- \*Blinds fitted to every classroom.
- \*Accessible inhaler storage bags in all classrooms.
- \*All external exit steps white-lined.
- \*Dark blinds fitted to Nursery.
- \*Access ramp fitted to playground gazebo.
- \*Internal steps leading to Year 2 classrooms white-lined.
- \* Provision of a designated sensory area for rest and restorative work, and development of early learning skills, for children with additional needs.
- \*Audit of school internal and external environment by Schools Mobility Officer (V I Team) and following actions completed:

Handrail in RN painted in a contrasting colour to the wall.

Edging stones running along the front of the benches in the garden area painted white.

Nursery railings painted a bright contrasting colour.

Ball shoot pole painted a bright contrasting colour.

Lighting in RN - fuses/bulbs removed from identified fittings to enhance contrast.

Small Hall toilets - highlight edges of sink area, hand dryer, soap dispenser, using contrasting colour.

Toilet roll dispensers, soap dispenser, toilet handles, toilet seats - replaced using a contrasting colour.

\*Dark blinds fitted to Large Hall.

\*Whole school V I training.

\*Bright footprint markers and white step-edging repainted on external steps leading into school.

\*Railings around playground steps and entrances re-painted using contrasting colours.

\*Disabled parking space in Car Park

\*Automatic lighting throughout school

\*Regular audits of classroom lighting conditions/window blinds/Interactive whiteboard backgrounds/carpet seating plans.

\*Soundfield system fitted to identified classrooms.

\*Staff voice coaching.

\*All gates opened at home times, to ease congestion, in response to parent Equality questionnaires.

**\*Playground Trim Trail installed**

**\*Disabled parking space to be available at all times, solely for the use of disabled visitors/staff.**

**\*Development of specialist educational provision for pupils with complex communication and interaction needs - an adapted classroom, individual space, a play-based curriculum, including Teacch programmes, and access to an outdoor play area, with the appropriate facilities and resources and skilled ETAs, and access to appropriate hygiene facilities.**

Part A 2021 - 2024 **(2022-2023)**

<u>Objective</u>	<u>Priority rating</u>	<u>Action/By whom</u>	<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>
To improve the physical environment and organisation for service users with mobility needs/sensory impairment/complex communication and interaction needs.	M	Regular reminders on school website, letters and notice boards about accessible entrances/contacting school for specific access support, including accessible parking requirements (DT/ICT Lead).	Increased and improved access to education and services for those with mobility needs/sensory impairment/complex communication and interaction needs.	Autumn 2022 and ongoing
	H	Soundfield System to be re-sited to Y2 (MK) (Green class and 2Mc to remain in place) classroom (DT/SB).		Summer 2023

	H	Extension of specialist educational provision for pupils with complex communication and interaction needs - 2 adapted classrooms, individual space, a play-based curriculum, including Teacch programmes, and access to an outdoor play area, with the appropriate facilities and resources, highly skilled Teacher and skilled ETAs, and access to appropriate hygiene facilities (DW/DT/KL).		Summer/Autumn 2022
	M	'Make it, Grow it, Eat it' areas and new Friendship Bench in the playground (RS/RR/DT).		Summer 2022 Autumn 2022

	H	Taps in toilet areas to be replaced (as difficult to operate) (SB)		Summer 2022
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