



Accessibility Plan 2021-2022

Article 14 Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

Article 30 Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, regardless of whether these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

British Values

Within this policy and in our daily practices, we also 'Promote British Values'. These are:-

Democracy: Everyone has a voice and a say in what we do and how we do it

Mutual Respect: We admire and acknowledge everyone's abilities, qualities and achievements

Liberty: We have the freedom to make our own choices

Tolerance: We accept that everyone has a right to their own views and opinions

Rule of Law: We have community rules and practices which keeps our learning community safe and a code of conduct for all adults working within our service.

Vision Statement Under the Equality Act 2010 /Changes to SEND legislation- COVID 19

Schools should have an Accessibility Plan. The Equality Act 2010 replaced all existing equality legislation, including the Disability Discrimination Act. The effect of the law is the same as in the past, meaning that “schools cannot unlawfully discriminate against pupils because of sex, race, disability, religion or belief and sexual orientation”. According to the Equality Act 2010 a person has a disability if:

(a) He or she has a physical or mental impairment,

(b) The impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

Accessibility Plan

This is a statutory document of the Department for Education's guidance on statutory policies for schools. The Plan will be reviewed every **3 years** or where operational needs dictate and approved by the Governing Body. The review process can be delegated to a committee of the Governing Body, an individual or the Head. At Brearley Nursery School the Plan will be monitored by the Headteacher and SENCo and evaluated by the Governing Body.

At Brearley Nursery School we are committed to working together to provide an inspirational and exciting learning environment, where all children can develop an enthusiasm for life-long learning. We believe that children should feel happy, safe, secure and valued so that they gain a respectful, caring attitude towards each other and the environment both locally and globally.

Since May, as a result of the outbreak, it has been necessary to modify Section 42 of the Children and Families Act 2014 so that local authorities and health commissioners must use their 'reasonable endeavours' to secure or arrange the specified special educational/health care provision in education, health and care plans.

Our Aims are:

- To increase access to the curriculum for pupils with a disability, medical condition or other access needs
- To improve the physical environment of the school to increase the extent to which pupils, staff and other members of the school Community with a disability, medical condition or other access needs can access education and associated services.
- Improve the delivery of information to pupils, staff, parents/carers and other members of the school community.

- To listen to and work with local authorities, parent carer representatives and specialist SEND organisations, to ensure that the lifting of the temporary changes is managed in a way that supports the needs of children and young people with SEND.

Equality and Inclusion

We believe that every child is an individual and we are committed to providing equality of opportunity and anti-discriminatory practice for all children, families, staff and volunteers who attend into our setting.

We are committed to working in partnership with parents/carers and other agencies to support all children including those with learning difficulties and disabilities.

We will challenge inappropriate behaviour, language or attitudes with regards to race, ethnicity, nationality, class, religion, culture, gender, language, sexual orientation, disability and age.

We are committed to:

- providing a secure environment in which all children can thrive and in which all contributions are valued;
- providing a range of resources depicting different ethnic groups and people with disabilities;
- improving staff knowledge and understanding of issues around equality and diversity;
- including and valuing the contribution of all families to our understanding of equality and diversity.
- To help achieve our objectives of creating a welcoming environment free from discrimination and prejudice, we will:
- ensure that services are equally open and available to all parents/carers and children within the local community;
- ensure that issues of race, ethnicity, nationality, class, religion, culture, gender, language, sexual orientation and disability do not hinder a child from accessing services;
- treat all children and their parents/carers with equal concern, respect and value;
- have regard for promoting understanding, respect and awareness of diversity and equal opportunity issues through the planning and implementation of our curriculum/activities;
- ensure all children are able to celebrate and express their cultural and religious identity by providing a wide range of appropriate resources and activities;

- ensure that our recruitment policies and procedures are open, fair and non-discriminatory;
- endeavour to recruit a team of staff which reflects the diversity of the local community;
- encourage staff to be positive role models to children by displaying and promoting tolerant and respectful behaviour, language and attitudes and challenging any discriminatory behaviour;
- ensure all staff receive necessary training.
- removing flexibilities and monitoring temporary changes to the law (COVID 19) as soon as possible so that children and young people can receive the support they need to return to school.
- Putting in place risk assessments now and over the autumn term, in identifying what additional support children and young people with education, health and care plans need to make a successful return to full education.

Responsibilities

The Governors are responsible for:

- supporting the Headteacher in implementing any actions necessary
- making sure the school complies with the relevant equality legislation
- making sure the school Equality Plan and its procedures are followed
- meeting the reporting requirements

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- overseeing the effective implementation of this policy.
- making sure the school Equality Plan and its procedures are followed.
- making sure the race, disability and gender equality plans are readily available and that the governors, staff, children and their parents and carers know about them
- producing regular information for staff and governors about the plans and how they are working
- making sure all staff know their responsibilities and receive training and support in carrying these out
- taking appropriate action in cases of harassment and discrimination, including racist bullying, homophobic bullying and bullying related to gender or disability
- the overall for dealing with reports of hate-incidents

Both Governors and Headteacher are responsible for regular monitoring and review of this policy as legally required.

All staff are responsible for:

- dealing with racist, homophobic and other hate-incidents
- being able to recognise and tackle bias and stereotyping
- promoting equal opportunities and good race relations
- avoiding discrimination against anyone for reasons of ethnicity, disability or gender
- keeping up to date with the law on discrimination
- taking up training and learning opportunities

Accessibility Plan

Accessibility Plan Code				
1. Improving access to information for pupils, parents and staff.				
2. Increased access to the curriculum.				
3. Improving access to the physical environment.				
Accessibility Plan Code	Action	Who is responsible?	When	Success Criteria
1	All staff to gain an awareness of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Code of Practice (SEND COP) 2015 The Children and Families Act 2014 The process of an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) 	Yewande Lawal HT/SENCo Faith Bloise Nursery Officer SENCO Support	Staff Inset Weekly staff meeting	Staff awareness, knowledge and confidence raised.
1	Parents with SEND children to gain an awareness of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new SEND COP 2015 Graduated Response – Assess, Plan, Do, Review Early Support Plan The process of an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) Local Offer Online support – Autism West Midlands, My Care 	Yewande Lawal HT/SENCo Faith Bloise Nursery Officer SENCO Support	On-going meetings Home visits September induction workshops Drop in sessions with CAT worker and EP Parent Review Meeting SEN reviews	Parent's awareness, knowledge and confidence raised. Increased parental confidence to become partners in the EHCP process
1	All parents to be fully informed of all news/events at nursery through:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly newsletters Website Parents information board Daily discussions with keyworker 	Yewande Lawal HT/SENCo Faith Bloise Nursery Officer SENCO Support keyworkers	On-going	All parents regardless of needs will have full access to all information.
1,2,3	Staff to receive appropriate SEND/Medical Needs training dependent upon the needs of the current cohort of children. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PDSS support EP support and observations CAT support – drop in sessions SALT – outreach team CDC – assessment reports 	Yewande Lawal HT/SENCo Faith Bloise Nursery Officer SENCO Support keyworkers	Staff Inset Professionals visits and observations – notes and discussions Weekly staff meeting Keyworkers to access training relevant to chn in their groups	All children to access all of Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and nursery activities and routines. Educators confidently include chn consistently in the daily life of BB
1,2	Use of adapted resources for children with communication difficulties e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> visual timetable of day 	Yewande Lawal HT/SENCo	On-going – dependent on needs of current children in setting	All children to access all of Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum and nursery

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sand timers to encourage waiting their turn • objects / pictures / symbol cards used to make choices • Makaton • Routine Songs • Wellcomm • Nurture Group • Thrive Programme 	Faith Bloise Nursery Officer SENCO Support keyworkers		activities and routines
1,2	<p>For children with Sensory difficulties to be appropriately supported to manage environmental change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate resources • Soft Play area • Forest School • Motivating objects • Specific exercises from OT 	Yewande Lawal HT/SENCo Faith Bloise Nursery Officer SENCO Support keyworkers	Keyworker assessments Early Support Plans – reviewed each term EHC plans Occupational Therapy reports/ guidance	Children to show less sensory processing difficulties
3	<p>SEN team to support children with SEND across the setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support to access climbing frame – focussed time • SEN team to lead Children to interventions, identified for their needs – EYFS and CDC reports • Children supported by SEN support to access group times 	Yewande Lawal HT/SENCo Faith Bloise Nursery Officer SENCO Support keyworkers	On going EYFS baseline, Mid year and End of year assessments Observations of access to environment Staff meeting discussions	All children with SEN included across the setting consistently to join in with their peers Learning differentiated following assessments.

