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Accessibility Plan



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Aim

The aim of this plan is to ensure that all pupils have full access to the curriculum and to the school.

Definition of disability

A person has a disability if he or she has a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long term adverse effect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities.

Requirements

The school is required by the Equality Act 2010 to produce an accessibility plan. This is a plan for, over a prescribed period:

- (a) Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school's curriculum,
- (b) Improving the physical environment of the school for the purpose of increasing the extent to which disabled pupils are able to take advantage of education and benefits, facilities or services provided or offered by the school, and
- (c) Improving the delivery to disabled pupils of information which is readily accessible to pupils who are not disabled.

This covers:

- teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school, such as participation in after school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits;
- improvement to the physical environment of the school and the physical aids to access education; and,
- planning to make sure that written information normally provided by school to its pupils is available to disabled pupils. Examples include handouts, textbooks, timetable and information about school events.

Birkdale High School Profile

Our school:

Birkdale High School is the only all boys' 11-16 school within the Sefton Education Authority. Situated in the southern area of Southport, the school has an excellent reputation. The 770 pupils on roll are drawn from all areas of the town and beyond.

The school has very high educational standards, firm discipline, a caring ethos and a sporting tradition. This is reflected in the school receiving a Good OfSTED report in November 2013.

Our Vision:

"All involved with the process of learning at Birkdale High School have a shared sense of wishing to achieve excellence.

High quality teaching is supported by a technologically rich environment to promote lifelong learning for all students, thus enabling them to become versatile members of a constantly developing society.

Fundamentally, our responsibility is to enable all students to achieve their full potential during their career at school, through facilitating a climate of co-operation and learning.

We believe it to be essential that the focus underpinning school improvement is based upon the development of the young person; intellectually, morally, physically, socially and emotionally."

Dissemination of the policy

All staff and Governing Body will have access to an electronic copy of the policy in the staff shared area.

