

Accessibility Statement



Chesterton Community College is committed to providing every student full access to the curriculum. We have highlighted below the findings of our own internal audit on accessibility.

Physical Environment:

Many challenges exist with heavy and relatively narrow doors and steps (of varying heights). There is lift access to first floor level at the back of Reception but this only enables access to certain first floor areas. Almost all of the curriculum can be accessed from ground floor classrooms and on the rare occasion where this would not normally be the case, the class could be relocated to a ground floor room. One specialist room exists on the first floor only, but this does have disabled access if required.

Access to the Curriculum:

In general, where access to the curriculum is restricted for any individual we will look at their specific needs and address these through timetabling of staff support.

Expert support ensures a lot of resources and aids are already provided to meet current student needs (e.g. enlarged print resources, specific risk assessments for trips, exam arrangement assessment and provision of laptops). Communication of needs to staff via the Chesterton Reporting System is positive.

The process of trip planning should ensure that specific access issues are raised and can be dealt with in order to offer both curriculum and extra-curriculum visits to all students.

Access to Information:

Tablet (iPad) use aids a number of students to access information.

Overall summary:

Current provision meets the needs of current students and staff at the school but changes would be required to accommodate other needs. Those changes would need to be considered in order to meet the specific requirements and could vary from making physical changes or providing auxiliary tools and/or assistance through to making changes to timetables and room scheduling in order to meet the needs. It is unlikely that we will encounter access issues that we are not able to overcome through a combination of actions.

The opportunity of introducing physical changes as part of any planned building works will be fully exploited.

Contact:

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