



## **Chatham & Clarendon Grammar School      Accessibility Plan**

The governors have a legal duty to prepare accessibility plans that outline strategies for increasing the accessibility of schools for disabled pupils.

We are required to plan for

1. Increased access for disabled pupils to the school curriculum
2. Improving access to the physical environment of the school
3. Improving the delivery of written information to disabled pupils.

### **Definition of disability**

A person who 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.

The plan has to be made public.

The plan does not have to provide access for all disabled pupils, but it does need to show plans to improve accessibility.

### **Accessibility Audit**

The Premises and Finance Teams have looked at our current practice and accommodation using the DDA audit carried out in 2004 by Kent County Council and other audits carried out in 2008, 2012, 2014, 2018, 2022 and current legislation.

Please find attached the action points raised from these audits.

Table A – Identified disability issues and improvements for buildings

Date	Targets	Strategies	Outcome	Success Criteria
2022/23 ongoing	Provide contrasting door frames on all sites	Site teams to paint door frames in stark contrast when redecorating sites	Doors/Door frames more easily seen by partially sighted and normal sighted people, both in full light and reduced light	Few accidents relating to doors
2022/23	Provide mat to fill mat well inside Clarendon House main entrance	Site team to provide new mat	Trip hazard removed	No trips inside doorway <b>Completed</b>
2022/23	Provide contrasting nosings on all internal staircases	Site teams to provide coloured tape on internal stairs	Stairs more easily seen by partially sighted and normal sighted people, both in full light and reduced light	Fewer near misses on stairs. <b>Completed Clarendon House</b> Some stairs at Chatham House need further improvement
2022/23	Ensure that sufficient disabled parking is available on main sites	Chatham House already has a disabled parking bay, which is used by a disabled driver. To designate the space next to the door at Clarendon House a disabled parking zone. Staff with disabilities also have allocated parking.	To ensure that disabled drivers can access school premises.	Disabled drivers using designated parking spaces on both sites. <b>Completed</b>
2022/23	To ensure that disabled people can access school entrances successfully	To fit automatic door openers to the main doors at Clarendon House and Chatham House. They are already in use at the Sixth Form Centre Cavendish	Disabled people will be able to use the entrances unassisted.	School will have few requests for help from disabled visitors.

		Street and Effingham Street entrances.		
2022/23	Contrasting nosings on all external steps	Site team to fit contrasting nosings to external steps, prioritising those most frequently used.	Partially sighted visitors will have less trouble negotiating steps.	School will have fewer requests for help from disabled visitors. <b>Completed</b>
2022/23	Even out uneven playground surface near dining hall, Clarendon House	Remove steel road plates and infill holes and uneven surfaces	Fewer trip hazards for able-bodied and disabled people	Few trips in playground area <b>Completed</b>
2022/23	Provide ramps for disabled access to external steps 1) Chatham House rear entrance 2) Clarendon House front entrance 3) Clarendon House canteen 4) Clarendon House rear entrance	Begin with temporary ramps and if planning permission available, build permanent ramps to external steps	Wheelchair users will have easier access to school	Wheelchair users will access school building <b>Portable ramps have been made for Clarendon front entrance</b>
2022/23	Even out uneven areas within carpark area at Chatham House	Area outside dining hall and site office particularly bad – relay tarmac area	Even pathways will reduce trip hazards	Easier for wheel chair users to use wheel chairs – less trip accidents <b>Completed main areas – minor areas near Science Block need improvement</b>
2022/23	Uneven and loose paving slabs at front of Redman Block	Replace broken slabs and infill with matching coloured concrete	Even pathways will reduce trip hazards	Reduction in trip accidents <b>Completed</b>
2022/23	Replace Maths Mobiles with new Maths block	Accessibility will be improved as steps up to each mobile will be	Easier accessibility for all	Risk of accidents (trips slips and falls) removed <b>Application successful work commences August 2027</b>

		removed – School Rebuilding Programme		
2022/23	Resite new reception at Chatham House. Installation of internal disabled toilet.	Current accessibility to Reception at Chatham House does not meet DDA requirements – resite new reception – School Rebuilding programme application	Easier accessibility to all; better facilities for disabled visitors and students	Meet DDA requirements – improved accessibility – improved disabled toilet facilities <b>Application successful work commences August 2027</b>

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