

3 YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN



Blundell's

PREPARATORY SCHOOL



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3 Year Accessibility Plan 2024 to 2027

Blundell's School including Blundell's Preparatory & Pre-Preparatory School

To support the School's Accessibility Policy (MP-03) a phased plan has been agreed, the detail of which is contained within this paper.

This plan runs from 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2027, covering 3 academic years.

This plan sets out the proposals of the Governing Body to increase access to education for disabled pupils in the three key areas required by the Equality Act (2010):

1. increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum;
2. improving the environment of the school to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services;
3. improving the delivery of information to disabled pupils.

It is a requirement that the school's accessibility plan is resourced, implemented, reviewed and revised annually.

Issue Date: January 2017

Last review date: November 2024

Next review due: November 2025

Year 1 (2024) – Development Phase

| Targets | Strategies | Responsible | Criteria & timescale |
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| Development plan | Establish a plan of minor & major projects which will strongly improve accessibility and secure better access to buildings & grounds. Cross check the specification against the Project Design Guide. | Estates | Project plans to meet planning approval/building control based on weight of improvement (Ongoing) |
| Maintenance plan | Establish continuous planned works which contribute to accessibility improvements in line with the Estates Design Guide but which can be worked towards throughout the year. Typically these will be small maintenance improvements such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door widening • Paths, crossings and lighting • Signage • Access control to buildings • Switch & socket re-location • Level thresholds • Colour scheme enhancement • Welfare facilities • Whiteboard walls | Estates | Produce the Planned Preventative Maintenance schedule including accessibility upgrades (Ongoing) |
| Building projects | Implement agreed refurbishment & new building priorities. Design, cost & submit planning and conservation officer applications to the LA. | Estates | Dependent on size of project forecast completion dates. |
| Maintenance projects | Plan work to be completed. Agree projects with wider School and set timescales, order materials and submit any necessary Building Regulations notices. | Estates | Complete schedule by year end (Ongoing) |
| Review | Review annual progress, and adjust the ongoing plan to accommodate any recommendations | Estates, Governors/H&S Committee | Implement any measures agreed (Reviewed at termly FGPC) |

Year 2 (2025) – Continuation of Development phase

| Targets | Strategies | Responsible | Criteria & timescale |
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| Building projects | Continue with the Implementation of agreed refurbishment & new building projects (10-year plan). | Estates | Ongoing with annual review by FGPC (termly) |
| Maintenance projects | Plan annual maintenance programme. Agree projects with wider School and set timescales, order materials and submit any necessary Building Regulations notices. | Estates | 5&10 year maintenance plan and budget submission (annually in May) |
| Communications projects | Implement projects to upgrade communications infrastructure relating to data, phone & mobile devices, classroom technology etc. | Estates & IT | 5&10 year maintenance plan and budget submission (annually in May) |
| Review | Review annually, including feedback from all stakeholders. | Estates, IT & SLT | Analyse performance against the aims of the plan and policy (Ongoing) |

Year 3 (2026) – Continuation of Development phase

| Targets | Strategies | Responsible | Criteria & timescale |
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| Building projects | Continue with the Implementation of agreed refurbishment & new building projects. | Estates | Ongoing with annual review by FGPC (termly) |
| Maintenance projects | Plan work to be completed at the start of Year 3. Agree projects with wider School and set timescales, order materials and submit any necessary Building Regulations notices. | Estates | 5&10 year maintenance plan and budget submission (annually in May) |
| Communications projects | Implement projects to upgrade communications infrastructure relating to data, phone & mobile devices, classroom technology etc. | Estates & IT | 5&10 year maintenance plan and budget submission (annually in May) |
| Review | Review Year 3 progress, including feedback from all stakeholders. | Estates, IT & SLT | Analyse performance against the aims of the plan and policy (Ongoing) |
| Formulate subsequent 3 year plan | Based on the analysis of the previous 3 Year plan, devise the next 3 year plan and allow for further surveys if necessary. | Governors, Estates, IT & SLT | Plans are covered within the 10 year capital plan and annual budgets approved by Governors at FGPC in Sept |

Evidence Of Progress | 2018 to 2024

- Refurbishment of Design Centre including accessible entrance, doors to lobby and internal fire doors
- Resurfacing of paths, drop-off points and accessible parking and roadways.
- Pedestrianisation of areas around the main school buildings
- Pedestrian walkways and lighting around Humanities and Westlake
- New Signage
- Introduction and expansion of Paxton access control system
- Music School refurbishment
- Maths Department refurbishment
- Improvement of sight lines and wall height around Ondaatje Hall
- Upgraded car park and external lighting
- Entrance improvements at senior and prep school
- New Medical Centre and School Shop
- Installation of temporary wheelchair access to PE classrooms
- New access into Old Gym
- Accessible Dance Studio
- Science Lab at Prep School
- Crossing Points near Big School
- Refurbishment of Maths Department
- Refurbishment of Beale Centre
- Refurbishment of Learning Support
- New Minibus Fleet
- Replacement of Entrance Doors
- Introduction of Door Controls

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