

Cribden House Special School



Accessibility Plan

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Our school is a multi-storey grade 2 listed building consisting of a main house, stable block and 7 cabins within the grounds. The main school comprising of 4 classrooms and the stable block comprising of 4 classrooms. The cabins are used as 3 classrooms, a meeting/training room, an intervention room, a changing room and a sensory space. Consideration has been given to making the environment as accessible as possible to children, young people and service users with mobility difficulties, enabling them to access the environment as independently as possible. Disabled toilets are available and all hygiene /changing areas have appropriate facilities. The driveway is accessible for school transport to drop off and pick up pupils. We also have parking for three school vehicles plus several spaces on the school car park suitable for disabled visitors or parents.

All required policies and guidance are in place. These are based closely on LCC model policies and guidance, with appropriate modifications to account for our individual school circumstances. Information is available to our whole school community via the school website, newsletters, fliers, phone calls and face to face meetings. Consideration is always given to individual family needs when sharing information. For families for whom English is an additional language, information can be made available in other language formats. For parents whose first language is not English the school will provide an interpreter to attend meetings.

As a school for children with Special Educational Needs, information is provided to children and young people in a range of ways and at an individual level through, for example, objects of reference, smells, sounds, signing, photographs, symbols, communication aids and the spoken word catering for the individual pupil's needs. The visual environment in each of the classrooms is adapted accordingly to meet the needs of individual pupils following advice from our Autism accreditation adviser. Our whole school Total Communication Approach ensures that our environment has been set up to ensure all children can be as independent as possible throughout the school day.

Consistent daily routines and an ASC friendly environment are embedded throughout classes ensuring all children and young people are supported to understand what is happening now and what will happen next. A range of strategies and resources are used to support children's access to resources and learning and each individual child/young person's level of need is considered when planning for the curriculum and daily routines. A range of specialised equipment is available throughout school. Following multi-agency assessments, seating/desks /equipment/assistive technology/Augmented or Alternative Communication aids are prescribed for individual children and class staff are trained in appropriate use to aid learning and access to education. Class groups are generally grouped by suitability and considerations are made in terms of the physical environment to meet their needs. Specialist equipment is provided for pupils with physical/medical needs who require it, eg. Adjustable height tables, specialist seating, work station booths etc. School staff are advised by Occupational therapists and educational psychologists on the provision of any specialist equipment. The school has two minibuses, the minibuses also enable our pupils to access the community for sporting activities and extended curriculum activities.