



Ludwick Nursery School

Accessibility Plan

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Plan Review

This plan will be reviewed in full by the Governing Body bi-annually.

The plan was last reviewed and agreed by the Governing Body in
June 2019.

It is due for review in June 2021.

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Date 28.06.2019

Head Teacher

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Date 28.06.2019

Chair of Governors

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The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 - The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) made it mandatory for all establishments and service providers that are open to the public to take reasonable steps to provide access for disabled people.

Representatives of the Governing Body and the Headteacher surveyed the building to assess accessibility. The building was opened in 1986 and it was felt then that it offered access to both adults and children in wheelchairs.

- Health and Safety inspectors and our Governor linked to health and safety check the premises regularly.
- In 2010 the disabled toilet in the reception area was refurbished to comply with DDA specifications. At that time our children's toilets were also refurbished so that they provide access for wheelchair use and good nappy changing facilities for children with disabilities.
- All doors are wide enough to enable wheelchair access.
- The classrooms are easier to move around now that many chairs have been removed and each door to the garden has a ramp for wheelchair users. It is possible for wheelchair users to access most of the building and site.
- All parts of the building built in 2004 (Squirrels Day Nursery) and in 2008 (Acorns) are fully accessible to wheelchair users.
- In 2012 the Sky light Room was added linking the two buildings. This increased space for cloakroom and improved access between Squirrels Day Nursery and Ludwick Nursery School.
- Access to the garden was considerably improved with ramps to the outdoor area from the Ludwick Nursery classrooms via the Log Cabin.
- Log Cabin was added to the building in 2015. The double doors allow full access to the garden for wheelchair users.
- Ludwick was awarded a Herts Inclusion Gold Award in 2010 with positive feedback from parents of children with disabilities about the accessibility of the environment and the individual adaptations for children with a disability.

Children with severe physical disabilities usually need a range of apparatus at nursery age and stage e.g. standing frame, wheelchair. Nursery children with complex additional needs can move throughout the school successfully with adaptations for visually impaired children and for other disabilities. It is possible to make provision and offer the full curriculum to a child who is a wheelchair user.

Ludwick Nursery School Enrichment Group is a special needs group for children with communication, speech and language difficulties. It is a provision for nursery aged children with very complex problems in these areas.

Ludwick also has a wide range of other special needs throughout the school mainly learning difficulties, speech and language problems and developmental delay. Ludwick has many strengths in the provision for SEN and medical needs and is increasingly able to meet the needs of wheelchair users.

Conclusions from Accessibility Audit and Issues Arising

<u>Area of the Building</u>	<u>Targets for Development</u>
<p><u>Entrance Hall</u> Although improved there is limited space when parents/carers drop off and collect children. This area can become crowded.</p>	<p>Implement a system that allows easy access for parents/carers and children to access their coat pegs in the entrance hall.</p>
<p><u>Disabled Toilet</u> This was refurbished to provide all facilities required by the Disability Discrimination Act.</p>	<p>Disabled toilets are available throughout the setting.</p>
<p><u>Family Room</u> There is a path that leads from the Family Room to Holwell school field which is wide enough for wheelchair access. The path goes from the bike and scooter shelters, past the Speech and language Room to Acorns Garden.</p>	
<p><u>Main School Office</u> Accessible by wheelchair.</p>	
<p><u>PPA Office</u> Not accessible by wheelchair.</p>	<p>It is difficult to make this room accessible for a wheelchair.</p>
<p><u>Staff Room</u> Located along Woodland Walk adjacent to Squirrels Nursery. Accessible by wheelchair.</p>	
<p><u>Rainbow Room</u> Accessible by wheelchair. Child in wheelchair can access the larger toilet cubicle and use the wash basins.</p>	
<p><u>Access to the Garden from the Rainbow Room</u> Ramp in place leading to the Log Cabin and then out to the garden.</p>	
<p><u>Sunshine Room</u> As for the Rainbow Room.</p>	
<p><u>Log Cabin</u></p>	
<p><u>Ludwick Garden</u> Ramps from Log Cabin and Sky Light Room. Pedestrian crossing with textured paths installed so children with visual impairment are aware of places to cross the cycle path.</p>	