

MAS – Accessibility Audit Action Plan: Review November 2020

Mulberry Academy Shoreditch is an outstanding school. We pride ourselves on setting a rigorous programme of self-evaluation and goal setting in order to ensure we never rest nor settle with second best. Our school has already undergone works to ensure we can accommodate a huge range of students who may have varying needs in relation to accessibility. However, our diligent and inclusive student council have undertaken an audit of the academy in order to draw up an action plan with the support of people with a range of disabilities. The plan will form the basis of our next steps in ensuring we can meet all accessibility needs.

Objective 1: to ensure the entrance to our academy is safe, accessible and welcoming for all.			
Short Term goals	Review Date	Long Term aims	Review Date
A disabled bay in the car park with relevant signs. Quotations being sourced from contractors for bay marking.	September 18 Works Completed July 18	Make one set of the inner reception doors automatic. A complete new set of doors would need to be installed with associated cabling and power supply. Approximate cost for installation £8,000 to £10,000	November 21 Under review
Relocate and adapt current car park signs/information. Some signage is in place to direct visitors to reception. Further signage could be added. Anyone attending site with mobility issues would need to be escorted by a member of staff.	September 18 Works Completed July 18	Adapt car park to include drop kerb near disabled bay and pedestrian entrance. Drop kerb to be in place by end of summer break 2018.	September 18 Works Completed July 18
Ensure exit button is user-friendly. Quotations being sourced for new type of user friendly button.	September 18 Works Completed July 18	Adapt pedestrian entrance to be automatic. Conversion of car park pedestrian gate to automatic approximate cost £2,000 to £3,000 for associated equipment wiring power supply and operating systems.	November 21 Under review

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<p>More frequent use of flashing fire alarm signals- one in each zone/corridor in the first instance. All ceiling mounted devices flash red when fire alarm system is activated. Additional flashing red lights could be installed in main communal areas at an approximate cost of £4,000 to £5,000.</p>	<p>November 21 Under review</p>		
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Objective 2: to include all students in the academy’s system’s for break, lunch and unstructured play.

Short Term goals	Review Date	Long Term aims	Review Date
<p>Move tables to create more space between to manoeuvre. Table space in the street dining area is already at the limits of acceptability in terms of safe movement of staff students and visitors. The tables have to be very tightly packed due to volume of students and lack of space.</p>	<p>November 21 With a full setup of dining tables it is not possible to create the necessary space</p>	<p>Restructure canteen food selection/serving area. The service area for the canteen contains structural elements supporting the first floor science area and would require a major undertaking of building works to rectify.</p>	<p>November 21 The works required to complete will need to be quoted by a competent contractor to undertake major structural works. A contractor will be sourced to provide a quotation.</p>
<p>Purchase height/seat adaptable dining table that would allow a wheelchair user to join their peers. Contact to be made with supplier of original supplier of dining tables to obtain quote for adapted user friendly tables. We currently have one table in the street that would be suitable for a wheelchair user.</p>	<p>November 21 Existing tables can be modified in house to make the table user friendly</p>	<p>Restructure canteen food selection/serving area. The service area for the canteen contains structural elements supporting the first floor science area and would require a major undertaking of building works to rectify.</p>	<p>November 21 Under review</p>
<p>Get a hot food counter to ensure all students can independently select their</p>			

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own meals. Independent serving area in the street could be adapted to serve hot food. Discuss with catering provider	November 21 Under review		
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Objective 3: to adapt The Street to make it a model of outstanding inclusive practice as the main thoroughfare of the school

Short Term goals	Review Date	Long Term aims	Review Date
Adapt orientation signs to include MAS visual prompts. A supplier and quote will need to be sourced.	November 21 Under review	Incorporate Braille in key signs. A supplier and quote will need to be sourced.	November 21 Under review
Improve signage that locates lifts. Works to be undertaken during summer 2019	November 21 Extra signage for the lifts are in place	Shorten table in ICT suite of LRC to create enough width for a wheelchair. Works to be undertaken during summer 2019	November 19 These works are completed
Use floor signs to indicate key zones	November 19 Under review	Supplier will need to be sourced	

Objective 4: to provide access to all areas of the academy in the adaptation of stairways and corridors.			
Short Term goals	Review Date	Long Term aims	Review Date
Install a <i>continuous</i> railing in all staircases Quote to be sourced and feasibility to be investigated. X3 Victorian block staircases have had tread edges painted yellow to assist with visual impairment	November 21 Under review	Fit a disabled access toilet on each floor (Zone 2 and 3) Structural layout and space would not allow this to be possible. However we have x7 user friendly toilet facilities located throughout the site.	The fabric of the building will not enable this request to be put in place
Remove obstructive lockers from outside of Zone 1 lift	September 18 Works Completed July 18		

Objective 5: to ensure access to an outstanding learning environment for all			
Short Term goals	Review Date	Long Term aims	Review Date
Purchase eight adjustable tables. Quote and supplier to be sourced.	November 21	Purchase a portable hearing loop. Quote and supplier to be sourced.	Works completed
Adjustable chairs with arm rests. Quote and supplier to be sourced.	November 21	Restructure changing facilities in PE. Quote and supplier to be sourced.	November 21