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# INTRODUCTION

Lamledge School is an Independent School for students aged between 5 years and 19 years, experiencing social, emotional and mental health difficulties. The school is registered for up to 60 young people and offers day placements as well as placements to LAC children placed both within the organisation and external to the organisation.

At Lamledge School we are committed to giving all of our students the opportunity to achieve their very best. Therefore we provide an environment which takes into account the needs of all individuals regardless of their educational, physical, and emotional needs.

**Purpose of Plan**

The purpose of this plan is to show how our educational setting intends, over time, to increase accessibility to the physical environment, the curriculum and written information so that all students/students with a disability can take full advantage of their education and associated opportunities.

**Definition of disability**

A person has a disability if he or she 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.

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- full participation in the school community.

**Key Principles**

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* Our staff recognise their duty under the Equality Act:
* Not to discriminate against disabled students in their admissions and exclusions, and provision of education and associated services
* Not to treat disabled students less favourably
* To take reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled students at a substantial disadvantage
* To publish an accessibility plan
* In performing their duties our school governors have regard to the Equality Act 2010
* Our Setting recognises and values the young person’s knowledge and parent/carer’s knowledge of their child’s disability
* recognises the effect their disability has on his/her ability to carry out activities,
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# INCREASING ACCESS FOR STUDENTS with SEND TO THE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

*This includes teaching and learning and the wider curriculum of the school such as participation in after school clubs, leisure and cultural activities or school visits.*

* Individual Learning Plans are written for every student within our setting, these identify areas of need and establish interventions to support students. These plans are written with contributions from the parents and children and 6 monthly as a minimum
* Staff liaise closely with outside services and agencies, incorporating suggested strategies into Individual Learning Plans. Where appropriate staff also consult with the internal clinical team and Educational Phycologist.
* Tasks are differentiated and differentiated curriculums are established for students who are unable to access the age related curriculum, this includes differentiated learning and intervention to close learning gaps.
* A range of teaching methods and styles are adopted by staff to facilitate assess to all students.
* A PACE approach has been embedded in all aspects of school life, ensuring that staff are sensitive to the needs of students.
* Risk assessment and high levels of supervision support vulnerable students.
* SMSC links are used to create a culture of understanding and acceptance across the school. This is done via Assemblies, PSHCE teaching and the school supporting charity events and having their own charity initiatives.
* Members of staff receive up-to- date training on current SEN Issues via the school SENCo, and where appropriate external specialists. Training also supports the development of positive teaching practice to support a range of SEND and intervention to support students with additional needs.
* A variety of clubs are available to all students, these can be accessed by all students dependent on the age ranges.
* Detailed risk assessments are completed for students to ensure that they are able to accompany their class on school trips.
* Learning, behavioural and emotional interventions are in place to enable learners to make rapid progress and close gaps in their knowledge base, these include ARROW, Catch Up Literacy and Numeracy, Talk About and Resilient Kids.

# IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE SCHOOL

* The school building is accessible for all students with physical difficulties.
* Students are provided with resources according to their specific needs: For example sensory integration objects for those with proprioceptive needs. The outside areas are accessible to wheelchair users.
* All rooms in the building are accessible to wheelchair users.
* There is disabled parking at the front of the building.
* A disabled toilets are available on every corridor.
* Displays in the school celebrate student achievement.
* Communal places are ‘clutter free’ to facilitate easy movement.

# IMPROVING THE DELIVERY OF WRITTEN INFORMATION STUDENTS with SEND

* Visual timetables are available for students who require them, these are written by the student and their tutor so that they are highly personalised to the students needs.
* Resources are clearly and simply labelled across the school.
* The school website is easy to navigate, and includes a Student and Parent zone
* According to their needs, students may use filters, coloured paper or large print enabling them to access information more easily.
* Access arrangements are assessed for during year 9 so that additional provision can be identified for GCSE years if it has not already been done so.
* During induction detailed Literacy and numeracy assessment is undergone to highlight the required level of any students learning and the support they require to achieve their best.
* Every students has daily Home/School contact which allow easy communication between tutor and parent.

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# APPENDIX 1 - ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

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| Parent and Student Voice |
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| Accessibility Outcome  |  |  |  |  |  |

 | Action to ensure Outcome  | Who is responsible? | Long, medium or short-term | Time Frame | Notes |
| That Student’s and parents are all individually consulted on the way’s that they are best supported in accessing our school site, our school community and the learning that takes place within our school.  | Initial home visit to every student placed with us by transitions team. The Transitions Team will organise a Home Visit with Parent/Carers. This Visit will be used to complete a Students Views sheet to gather likes and dislikes, discuss any anxiety’s or issues and share information about our school with parents/carers. During this visit parents/carers will be provided with our school prospectus, copies of our positive behaviour policy, safeguarding policy, Anti-bullying policy, and ICT policy. During this time Parents/Carers will also be provided with a Medication/medical conditions form and be asked to sign our medication agreement, as well as have opportunity to sign our Photograph permissions form and School day trip permission form. A school visit will also be scheduled.From the information provided at this meeting, the students EHCP (where in place) and any other information received (Medical reports, PEP’s, EP reports, previous school information) the Transitions Lead Teacher and SENCo begins to form an Individual Learning Plan.This information and conversation around best support is then reviewed via termly parent/carer consultations. | Transitions Team and SENCo | Long Term | New transition process to be in place  | Completed but on-going |
| Students will have a voice in regard to the quality and delivery of the teaching and learning they receive in school, and what works well for them. | Implementation of student voice subject questionnaires as part on quality cycle | Subject leads | Long Term | Review December 2023 |  |

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| Access to the Physical Environment-Statutory |
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| Signs to be accessible to those with communication and learning difficulties.  | Signs needed to be provided in pictorial form to all subject areas within the school | The Senior Leadership Team  | Medium-term  | June 2018  | Action Completed April 2018- Re review December 2023 in light of new site. New signs ordered and due delievery Spring 2024-SALT audit completed Spring 2024 to support |
| Acoustics are improved across the school to enable students with hearing difficulties and sensory difficulties to engage in all learning spaces.December 2018 Baseroom approach to be enabled across the school to ease transitions and enable students to feel confident and secure in their environment | Consideration of soft furnishing use in classroom such as the music room to help improve the echo.Purchase of rugs for Porta cabin due to poor acoustics.PE classroom to be used when appropriate for verbal teaching due to poor acoustics in the sports hall.Adjustments made to main corridor-dividing put in place to enable communication in the corridor.Creation of an adequate assembly space to enable all students to engage more easily with assembly.Adjustments to dining room acousticsRe-visit of PACE training and support from primary staff to secondary staff on creating a child centred nurturing environment.Purchase of student chosen resources to facilitate area | Classroom teachersSLTClassroom TeachersSite Manager/HeadteacherSite Manager/HeadteacherSite Manager/HeadteacherHeadteacher/SLT | Short TermShort TermShort TermLong TermLong TermLong TermLong Term | Immediate EffectApril 2018Immediate EffectJuly 2019July 2019July 2022July 2019 | Action Completed April 2018Completed April 2018CompletedOn-going moderation, canteen currently identified as best spaceBase approach established, evaluation on-going |
| To promote physical health and independence in achieving physical health within our school | Developing individualised PE sessions for female cohort of school on the request of someTo improve external facilitates so there is access | SLTSite Manager-Headteacher | Long Term | April 2024 | PE slots allocated-Recruitment of female PE specialistCurrently requisitioning external equipment and Multi court |
| Re-review of Quiet Space and Secondary Sensory Provision in light of needs of current cohort | Developing of resources to further enrich experience | SLTSite Manager-Headteacher | Long Term | On-going through 2023/24 year | Development of new sensory space with “The Oaks” |
| Redevelopment of garden space into sensory garden that is accessible for all students | Developing whole school resource to further meet need | Site Manager-Headteacher | Long Term | Completion October 2022 |  |
| Development of an additional learning environment to support students across Key stage 3 and Key stage 4, who, due to the nature of their SEND based needs require a reduced number of transitions, and a differing sensory environment | Creation of “The Oaks @Lamledgechool” with material change in place  | Headteacher | Long Term | July 2023 | Completed September 2023 |

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| Insuring Inclusion in the school community |
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| All students to be enabled to access Lamledge School council directly and indirectly so that student voice can be heard via a student lead forum. |  |  |  |  |  |

 | Action to ensure Outcome Creation of a Primary and Transitions Student Council due to younger students finding it difficult to access the student council set up of the older students.Both Secondary and Primary. Transition Student Councils to have access points within the school where all students can access the work they are doing and share their views in a manner accessible to them.TA support to be utilised to enable Students with Learning Difficulties to access the content of Student Council (1-1 support to be put in place, SENCo support to look at ways to help support communication) | Who is responsible?Primary LeadSENCo and Pastoral ManagerSENCo and Pastoral Manager. | Long, medium or short-termMedium TermMedium TermMedium Term  | Time FrameDecember 2023May 2020May 2020 | NotesPrimary students worked together to create student friendly access point. Adapted January 2024 in light of RRS awardSeptember 2022-new student council lead in post |
| Development of Ask/Accept/Develop Neuro-diversity strategy across whole school | -Staff will consistently implement AAD strategy -See separate AAD portfolio | SLT-Clinical Team | Long term | December 2024 |  |

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| Access to the Curriculum-Statutory |
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| Students/students with SEND have access to appropriate information technology.  | Word processing programs made available to students with SEND via laptops. Review of accessibility software with OT advice | SENCO  | Medium-Term  | September 22 -CompletedDecember 2023 | Students/students with SEND have access to appropriate information technology. This may include use of Ipads/Laptops-CompletedReview with new SENCo further support available alongside access arrangement-Completed |
| Students with SPLD to have information presented to them in the manner they are most able to access. | SENCo and EP to complete whole school CPD on supporting students with needs such as Dyslexia and Meares-Irlen Syndrome. This is work surrounding precision teaching of spellings patterns/key words and ways of enabling access via the presentation of workSee word attack skills target | SENCo-Educational Phycologist. | Medium Term | May 2020 | Completed-Guidance given to staff and in useCompleted-Next Steps added |
| Establish further staffing team to support SENCO in relation to Literacy, Numeracy, Behaviour and Emotional Regulation. Via 1-1 and group based intervention | Staff training in relation to ARROW, Catch Up Literacy, Catch Up Numeracy, ELSA. | SENCo, EP, plus 2 additional staff | Long term | December 2023 | ARROW, Catch Up literacy and Numeracy training to commence for additional staff |
| Improvement of classroom based support to enable the development of reading and writing skills across the whole school curriculum | Whole school development in regards to “Word Attack” skills to support phonological awareness and developmentCompletion of same programme with parents and carers to enable consistency and home support | SENCo EP | Medium Term | December 2020-Completed but next stepsDates to be scheduled September 2023 | Training and approach currently being developed |
| Implementation of OT based guidance regarding Learning environment | Whole school level guidance will be given by school OT on supporting learning on/sensory/physical basis | OT-SLT | Medium Term | Implemented April 2024 | September 2023-Audits on-going-Completed December 2023 |

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| Access to Information and Guidance |
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| Promote the ‘SEND Information, Advice and Support Service’ (SENDIASS) and Independent Supporters for all of the Local Authorities we work with | Links to agencies that can provide additional support made available on school website. And a parents information leaflet to be produced sent home to all parents/carers and available in reception | SENCo and Pastoral Manager | Medium-term  | June 2020-Achieved, next steps addedApril 2024-Invites to SENDIASS to attend Parent Carer Consultations  | Change of 2 neighbouring CAMHS services means more work is required here to establish working partnerships with new services etc Bee U-Advice booklet created |
| Signpost families without the internet to libraries to access information and the Local Offer, and support accessing additional support and help via the use of our pastoral manager | An ‘Information Area’ to be developed in school reception. On-going CIN, TAC, CP work of pastoral manager, and outreach work in relation to CEOP | SENCo, Safeguarding Lead and Pastoral Manager  | Medium  | June 2020  | On-going but working effectively |
| Creation of school prospectus to share information with families, students and carers | SENCo to liaise with Hillcrest Central office and media services to create | SENCo | Long-term | December 2023-Inlight of name change and expansion-Implemented | Update required due to extension to registrationDecember 2019July 2021-Infromation providedDelayed due to company changes-on-going work-awaiting drafts-Implemented |
| Creation of school specific website that works separately from Hillcrest Website. This will ease access of information for parent/carers. Enable a higher level of interaction.Also additional careers focused section | Specific working project with media company between Headteacher and SLT. Information already collated for this | Heateacher, SLT | Long-term | September ~~2022 2023~~ | On-going investigationDelayed due to company changes-on-going workDue to go live September with school staff having training in relationCompleted October 2022-School staff now receiving training so content can be continuously updatedUpdate-In line with name change and expansion |