

# Hill House School Accessibility Plan for the period September 2024 to September 2026

Hill House School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. It is our aim that all students fulfil their potential.

#### **Legal Status:**

- Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (SENDA)
- Equality Act (2010) and The Public Sector Equality Duty (2011)

#### Our school Strategy:

 Our school strategy is to address and comply with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act (SENDA), as amended.

### Applies to:

- the whole school inclusive of activities outside of the normal school hours;
- all staff (teaching and support staff), the proprietor and volunteers working in the school.

#### **Availability:**

• This policy is made available to parents, carers, staff and students from the school office.

#### Monitoring and Review:

- This policy will be subject to continuous monitoring, refinement and audit by the Head.
- The Proprietors undertake a formal review of this policy for the purpose of monitoring and of the efficiency with which the related duties have been discharged, by no later than one year from the date shown below, or earlier if significant changes to the systems and arrangements take place, or if legislation, regulatory requirements or best practice guidelines so require.



Signed: Date: 1st September 2024

Kate Landells Principal

Target	Tasks	Timescale	Related	Finance	Responsibility	Monitorin	Success Criteria
			Policies and			g	
			Initiatives				
Access to the Curriculum Sixth form students to access and achieve OCR awards in `Life and Living Skills` and to participate in Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme	Sixth form students to access and achieve OCR awards in Life and Living Skills` -  Ensuring the students have a wide portfolio of external accreditations – recognising abilities and achievements in preparation for adult life.  Offering support and access to activities relevant to the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.	Ongoing	Curriculum Policy Education Handbook		GJ/LB	HT	Access for all college students to relevant and meaningful external accreditation.

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Access to the Curriculum Every sixth form student to have access to a work experience opportunity / implement new sixth form pathways study programme	Every sixth form student to have access to a work experience opportunity / implement new sixth form pathways study programme – access to the community and working life	Ongoing	Curriculum Policy Education Handbook	GJ	J/LB	HT	Access for all students regardless of ability to work related learning and experience of the world of work
Involvement in School To offer the HHS induction programme to external professionals – Raising awareness of SEND in the community	To continue to share expertise  – via school's induction programme - enabling members of the local community and external professionals to gain a better insight into the abilities and needs of our students - enabling them to have even greater access to the community	Ongoing	Education Handbook	LB	/GJ/KM	HT	Raising awareness and understanding of the needs of our young people and the effective strategies that can be used to support them
Involvement in School Encourage greater understanding of ASD and support families of YP with ASD - involvement in group research	Working with Southampton University - action research	Ongoing	Statement of Purpose  Professional Learning Community Initiative.	LB	/KM	HT/PLC	Wider family/Carer participation enhancing understanding and support for the young person and their families.
Involvement in understanding GLP and	Working with University College London – research						Greater access to literacy for all working





how this is relevant to our group of learners	pathways to literacy for young people with autism.					with the individual to identify the best pathway for their skills for literacy
Involvement in School School Policies  Development of Nurture Network	To move towards a Nurture Network encompassing different professionals and teams in the school and homes -	Ongoing	Nurture for All	SB/ES/KV	HT/PLC	Ensuring quality meaningful enrichment activities for all students across the school both in term and non-term time. Ensuring all students are able to benefit from the school environment. Increased engagement for the students with the community and off-site activities



Involvement in School School Buildings To further develop Let's Eat offer providing a tasty and nutritious menu and an inviting environment.	To extend menu to include healthy options and homegrown produce, improve environment and provide access to work experience opportunities for students. Encouraging greater choice and Independence	Ongoing		KH	HT/PLC	All students have access to a choice of healthy food options, they are encouraged to make these choices.
Involvement in School Parent Consultation		Ongoing	Curriculum Policy SEN Policy Education Handbook	GJ/ Education Team/ Care Managers	HT/PLC	Ensuring that parents/carers have access to meetings whether virtual or face-to-face with the education staff over and above the schedule of formal review meetings which encourages engagement with and understanding of barriers to learning and the effective strategies used to overcome them.



Involvement in School School Buildings Develop the land science provision in the school field including further development of Eco Cabin and improved walkway to field and pond to improve accessibility.	To provide a wider range of vocational learning opportunities and supporting students to achieve their learning outcomes  To enable good physical access to the learning resources	2025	Statement of Purpose 2024 CAPEX	KFH/ KL/GJ/AJ	HT/PLC	A positive environment accessible to all students, barriers to accessibility have been considered and where possible overcome
Access to ICT Further development of the use of Talkpads and provision of interactive timetables	To promote Voice and Choice for all of our young people	Ongoing	Statement of Purpose	GJ	HT/PLC	Access to quality communication and increased independence