

Accessibility at King Edward VII College

This policy should be read in conjunction with the College Equality Policy and the College Policy for Students with Special Educational Needs.

Access to the site

The college site comprises of separate blocks, many accessible by steps.

The college has provided some access for students, staff and visitors with limited mobility, through ramped access to the sports hall, the Harley Theatre, the Science block, the Design block the ground floor of the administrative block and the ground floor of the Old House. Members of the SEN team have been trained in the use of a “Stair-walker” which eases the movement of a wheelchair up small flights of internal stairs, specifically in the Design block.

There are designated “Disabled” parking spaces at both ends of the site.

During the period of this Accessibility Plan from 2014 - 2017, King Edward VII College will attempt to improve accessibility to the site by.

- Refurbishment of the main reception to include fitting an access ramp and automatic doors.

Access to the curriculum

- The college has the facility to enlarge documents or use ICT software for students with a visual impairment.
- The SEN team arrange specific assessments for students on the SEN register to enable examination concessions (e.g. additional time, scribe or reader) to be facilitated.
- Examinations can be accommodated in small, individual rooms if necessary.
- Whole classes may be re-located to a ground floor classroom to enable participation by a student with mobility issues where this is feasible.
- Students with disabilities are encouraged to take part in sport with support from an adult if necessary.
- Some students with EAL are supported by a native Polish speaker who is a member of the SEN team.

We aim to make “reasonable adjustments” to our practices and policies to meet the requirements of the Equality Act.