



Accessibility Policy Part 2 (FRA)

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Part 2 – Accessibility Guide Fowey River Academy

Introduction

The Academy site is on the edge of Fowey, sitting above the town and approached via Windmill.

The Academy is a group of pre-1970's buildings with several blocks arranged on a site that slopes gently from the middle of the campus North and with a lower level field adjacent to the Fowey estuary. Car parks are located adjacent to the front entrance and large sports fields are available around the main buildings.

Approach and Car Parking

The approach to the Academy is directly from Windmill, a small residential road that is accessed via Polvillion Rd. Signage directs visitors and traffic around the main site and identifies visitor parking and bus parking.

The Sports Hub and Pre-School are also accessed via the main entrance and parking for these is in a central parking zone opposite the main reception area of the school.

Staff car parking is to the left of the main entrance.

There is a dropped kerb and designated crossing points across the main car access area.

There are reserved disabled parking spaces adjacent to the Academy in the Visitor parking area which leads to Reception.

Car Parking and School drop off/pick up is supervised by site staff and teachers with mobile barriers and cones restricting access while buses are on site and all staff in appropriate PPE.

Routes and external level changes

External level changes on site are in the main minimal and managed through low gradient paths and steps. Mobility equipment therefore can be used to get around most of the site although we would always look to accompany anyone using a wheelchair or mobility aid to ensure their safety.

Entrances including Reception

Main entrances to all blocks have either double doors or full width doors.

Movement throughout the Academy

The Academy has no internal ramps. There are two stair lifts available in the main building and a passenger lift to service the upper floors of the Tower Block. A fully compliant refuge procedure is in place for the upper floors and an Evac Chair in case of emergency and lifts being out of service. This is located in the top corridor opposite the finance office.



The art and music block does not currently have internal DDA compliant access, but can be accessed via external doors.

Where required in the main block internal doors along main fire routes are held back on electro-magnetic switches. Main doors throughout the Academy have dwell back closers.

Final doors to all classrooms have vision panels.

Toilets

The Academy has 3 Unisex Accessible toilets:

- 1 in the Year 7 Village
- 1 in the Sports Hub
- 1 adjacent to canteen

Fixtures, Fittings and Equipment

The size of the Academy and its large variety of kitchens, laboratories, workshops and classrooms means that not all will make specific provision for general used by disabled persons. Where required, pupils with special needs have desk and seating provided to their individual needs.

Electrical controls throughout the Academy make no specific provision for disabled users but the environment is adequate through the supervised nature of the Academy and its activities.

Support for Special Needs Pupils

Special Needs Pupils have individual arrangements for support according to their specific needs. For new pupils an initial review with professional and parental input is undertaken in the term before they are due to start. This provides an opportunity to make the necessary arrangements in advance.

