



Vale of Glamorgan Council

Consultation on proposed Accessibility Strategy 2021-24

Children & Young People's Version





What is an Accessibility Strategy for schools?

An accessibility strategy sets out how the council will make improvements that help young people with disabilities in our schools over a set amount of time and helps schools' meet their needs.

Why do we do this for schools?

A strategy will help us to set targets for making things better and to increase access to education for pupils with disabilities in all schools. It is the law - ***The Equality Act 2010*** says we **must** do this.

An accessibility strategy will show how we can make these things better by:

- Helping pupils with disabilities have what they need to learn all subjects (the schools 'curriculum)
- Improving how pupils with disabilities can move about school to help with their education
- Improving how information is provided to pupils, parents and carers of pupils with disabilities

How did we put this together?

This draft accessibility strategy has been written after lots of conversations about what the strategy should include. We spoke to people who work with disabled people and people who work in schools. We now want to speak to young people who have been to school and children already in school in the Vale of Glamorgan. It is important so that they tell us what is important to help disabled pupils get the best they can from their education.

We want to hear what you have to say and think that this is really important that you help us with this

We will:

- Listen to parents and pupils
- Work together with schools and families
- Put the child's needs first
- Be honest
- Be willing to make changes whenever we can, if it will make things better.

We have also collected information about all our schools to help us decide where some of the biggest difficulties might be.



What will the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Accessibility Strategy for schools do?

The strategy sets out the following aims to be achieved by 2024:

School Buildings:

- We will ensure that our schools and classrooms are easier for pupils with disabilities to access.



Working with each other:

- We will work with teachers to make their schools better for pupils with disabilities
- We will make sure the plans are shared with pupils and families.
- We will work with schools to make information available to pupils and to think about ways they share this information

Better communication:

- We will share information safely to help schools know who has a disability and needs help
- We will speak to the right people in the school so that we know what help is needed



How are things going? Review Progress:

- We will record what we have made better and update our strategy every three years





How can you tell us what you think?

The consultation period will run from the **9 November 2020 – 15 January 2021**.

What you think is important, and there are a number of ways that you can tell us by

- Completing the online response form, by visiting the webpage below

<https://test-www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/Consultations/Accessibility-Strategy-2021-24-Consultation.aspx>

or

- Complete the response form at the end of the consultation document and send to the address below.

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