

Review of Accessibility Plan – March 2024

Denefield School's Accessibility Plan was prepared in January 2023 following a detailed Accessibility Audit in November 2022.

Schools are required to review their accessibility plan regularly. The table below sets out the results of the latest review conducted in March 2024.

Areas of Concern	Proposed Actions	Timescale	Update as of March 2024
Lack of signage to accessible parking bays	Install signs at site entrance to indicate location of accessible bays	-	New signage was installed
Re-mark accessible bays with transfer zones to both sides and the rear	Not all bays have space for both sides and rear transfer zones, some additions can be made	-	This has been carried out. One bay does not have room for transfer bay on either side and will be addressed when the car park is line marked again
Steep ramp to overflow car park	inform via website	-	Highlighted on the website in the "contact us" section
Outdoor seating is poorly contrasted to background	Blue picnic tables will replace the brown ones, as and when they need replacing	When they are next replaced	Currently no damage to cause replacements
No wheelchair accessible picnic tables	Will purchase accessible table when next replacing	September 2024	Premises to look at modifying one of the old benches to save purchase of item specified
Some of the external steps have no tactile approach, some have incorrect pattern	Fit 'corduroy' profile tactile landings at head and base of steps.	When paving work next look at	Nothing planned at this time (short term)
Galvanized handrails around the school are poorly contrasted (designed NOT to be painted)	Paint knuckles hi vis yellow to heighten contrast	-	All knuckles painted Yellow
Ramped area by BIR/Comenius too steep	lengthen ramp at next refurb	-	This was reconfigured as part of drainage/slab/tarmac program

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Loose mats in canteen to be removed (this was deemed safer than having a wet floor which was slippery when wet, which caused falls)	possibly have sunken matting giving a flush finish	-	Fixed matt installed
Some entrances are difficult to discern	install signage above doors	ASAP	Sign installed at Reception outer door
Lots of external double doors around the school are not wide enough on a single leaf for wheelchair access	No current plans to change. When the next set of doors are put in place we will go to a door and ½ door arrangement	At next refurb	
Most of the external doors into buildings have a step, ground work to re level the approach gradient to 1.21	possibly able to address when tarmac is done	Summer 2024	Most entrance ways dealt with as part of Summer 23 works. 2 doors still to do
Student reception window too high	form low level position to window	At next refurb	
Some areas do not have a hearing loop	install hearing loop	At next refurb	Hearing loops are present at reception and in Da Vinci. We have a portable hearing loop system and hire in signers when required
Some of the door frames/doors are not contrasting colours	improve contrast of white openings	-	Continuing programme of decoration includes contrasting door frames
Some internal doors are below 800mm wide	widen doors at next refurb	At next refurb	Structure of building is preventing this in most of the building
Student toilets do not have an ambulant cubicle		At next refurb	Now part of toilet refurb plans. Summer 24 will see 3 ambulant cubicles added
Accessible toilets don't all have emergency cord	advise to extend or fit new longer cords	-	All done

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reaching withing 300mm of floor			
Coat hooks in accessible toilets are too high for wheelchair user	advice is to fit lower hooks	-	All done
Accessible toilets do not have any mirrors	full length mirrors should be fitted with bottom 500mm from floor	-	All done
Toilets do not have contrasting dispensers or seat	fit colour contrasting items	-	All done
Re label accessible toilets as gender free	fit new signage	-	All done
Accessible showers controls are set too high (1200-1800mm)	reduce height to 750-1000mm	At next refurb	
PE accessible shower full of PE equipment	remove equipment	asap	Done
Some of the furniture in the canteen is not contrasting with the floor (wood effect)	replace flooring or furniture with contrasting colour	At next refurb	Some replacement furniture will arrive summer 24
Staff workrooms have poor light, below 300 lux some as low as 50 lux	replace or upgrade	Ongoing	Ongoing project of lighting upgrades in place (LED)
Main hall has no allocated wheelchair spaces	allocate 3 spaces	asap	All events now have provision for wheelchair spaces
Gas taps in labs have small control knobs	replace with lever style controls	At next refurb	
The school has no wayfinding signage	install wayfinding signage	asap	Some has been installed further signage to be added summer 2024
Fire alarm does not have all	upgrade sounders to sounder beacons	At next refurb	Programme of beacon replacements carried out on an annual basis. All new

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combined sounder beacons			beacons will include flash/sound
Disabled refuge areas, no instructions	add instruction signage	asap	To be added with other signage upgrades
No lift access to library	relocate library	as part of major refurb project	No current plans