

Cornwallis and New Line Learning Academies Accessibility Plan
Adopted by the NLL Academies on 01 September 2007

The Academies are committed to a culture of inclusion for everyone regardless of their disability. This includes activities during the school day as well as those enjoyed by the local community during evenings and weekends.

Each school has had a Disability Discrimination Act audit undertaken in respect of activities that take place outside of normal school hours. The cost implications are substantial even for Senacre where facilities for the disabled are reasonably comprehensive. The Local Authority have said that schools do not have to immediately commit large sums of money from their budgets in an attempt to comply with the DDA audit but should incorporate the recommendations when any new building work is undertaken.

All three schools were built during the 1950/60s and are now in urgent need of replacement as they are in very poor condition having reached the end of their anticipated life expectancy. As we intend to completely rebuild the schools it is not considered appropriate to spend considerable sums of money on making them more accessible in the short term.

However there are a number of actions that can be undertaken now at modest cost which will be beneficial, such as marking out car parking spaces for disabled drivers. We propose to formulate a plan over the coming months to identify areas that can be improved. These will be prioritised with full costing so that further consideration can be given to these issues.