



## **Accessibility and Inclusion Additional Information**

Orchard Vale Community School is committed to reducing barriers to teaching and learning and assessment, and improving the access to the curriculum for all learners, including those with special needs or disabilities.

### **We recognise:**

- Our duty under the Disability Discrimination Act (1995) as amended by the SENDA (2001).
- "from September 2002, it will be unlawful for schools or LEAs to discriminate against disabled pupils in their admissions and exclusions, education and associated services."
- Schools and LA's must: not treat disabled pupils less favourably; and take reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled pupils at a substantial disadvantage (the reasonable adjustment' duty)
- That Local Education Authority and School Governors have the duty to publish Accessibility Strategies and Plans.

### **Improving the Physical Environment of the school:**

The school seeks to increase year on year the accessibility of the school to students with disabilities and ensure that sufficient specialist facilities are available to meet the needs of existing and potential pupils. Increasing the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum.

Our school plans aim to improve access to the curriculum for all disabled pupils although many adjustments to access will be dependent on individual needs and may be provided through the Special Education Needs framework.