

CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST
St Thomas of Canterbury CE Primary School, Lapford

Accessibility Plan 2026–2029

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Age Range: 9 months – 11 years

Review Period: 2026–2029

This plan is written in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 and Devon County Council Accessibility Strategy guidance.

1. Vision and Values

St Thomas of Canterbury CE Primary School is committed to providing an inclusive environment that enables all pupils, including those with disabilities, to participate fully in school life. In line with Devon County Council guidance, this plan sets out how the school will:

- • Increase access to the curriculum
- • Improve the physical environment
- • Improve the availability of accessible information

2. School Context

The school serves children from 9 months to 11 years and includes Nursery, EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 provision. The school operates within a rural setting and works closely with Devon County Council and external agencies to support pupils with SEND.

3. Increasing Access to the Curriculum

1. Current Provision:

- Differentiated teaching and adaptive planning
- Individual Provision Maps and EHCP implementation
- Teaching assistant support
- Use of visual timetables and structured routines
- Access to specialist services

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2. Planned Improvements (2026–2029):

- Annual staff CPD in inclusive practice
- Development of assistive technology
- Expansion of sensory and regulation spaces
- Curriculum accessibility review
- Annual pupil voice consultation

4. Improving the Physical Environment

3. Current Provision:

- Level access to key entrances
- Accessible toilet facilities
- Clear signage and safe outdoor areas

4. Planned Actions:

- Whole-site accessibility audit (2026)
- Installation of additional handrails if required
- Review of classroom acoustics
- Improvement of inclusive playground equipment

5. Improving Access to Information

5. Current Practice:

- Accessible school website
- Electronic communication with families
- Visual communication aids in classrooms

6. Future Development:

- Provide key policies in simplified format
- Offer translation of materials on request
- Increase symbol-supported communication

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6. Nursery Accessibility (9 months – 4 years)

The Nursery follows the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework and aligns with Devon County Council Early Years inclusion guidance.

7. Nursery Provision Includes:

- Low-level furniture and accessible layout
- Quiet/sensory regulation space
- Visual timetables and symbol-supported communication
- Early identification and referral pathways
- Transition planning into Reception

7. Monitoring and Review

The Governing Body will review this plan annually. Progress will be monitored through SEND data, governor visits, and stakeholder feedback. The SENCo will provide termly updates.

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Policy Information

Policy Title	Accessibility Plan 2026-2029
Trust	Chulmleigh Academy Trust
School	St Thomas of Canterbury CE Primary School
Responsible Lead	Headteacher / SENCo
Approved By	Local Governing Body
Date Approved	_____
Next Review Date	_____