

Arrangements for the admission of disabled pupils

The Department for Education (DfE) has published non-statutory guidance on how schools can fulfil their duties under the Equality Act. Since 1 October 2010, the Equality Act has replaced previous equality legislation, including the Race Relations Act, Disability Discrimination Act and Sex Discrimination Act.

Under the Equality Act, schools have a duty to make 'reasonable adjustments' for people with disabilities. In paragraph 4.13 of the departmental advice document, the DfE summarises the duty as:

- Where something a school does places a disabled pupil at a disadvantage compared with other pupils, then the school must take reasonable steps to try and avoid that disadvantage.
- Schools will be expected to provide an auxiliary aid or service for a disabled pupil when it would be reasonable to do so and if such an aid would alleviate any substantial disadvantage that the pupil faces in comparison with non-disabled pupils.

North Denes Primary school ensures procedures are in place to meet this guidance so that:

- Disabled pupils are supported to participate in the school curriculum to their maximum ability.
- The school environment enables disabled pupils to take advantage of education and associated services.