

# The Minster School York



## Disability Policy



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### **Admissions & Disabled Pupils**

The Minster School welcomes all children who can make the most of the opportunities that we offer and can flourish in the caring environment of the school. Treating every child as an individual is important to us and we welcome pupils with physical disabilities provided that they can cope with our site.

We advise parents of children with disabilities to discuss their child's needs with us prior to admission so that we can determine together whether we can make adequate provision for him/ her. Parents should provide a copy of relevant medical reports to support their request, for example for large print material or other special arrangements.

### **On Entry**

Each pupil with a disability requires special consideration and treatment. If appropriate, adjustments will need to be put in place. We will discuss thoroughly with parents and their medical advisers the adjustments that can reasonably be made for their child once they have accepted the offer of a place and before he/she becomes a pupil at the school. We recognise that some disabled pupils may also require specialist support from our Learning Support Department, and we would normally discuss this issue with parents before their child enters the school.

### **Physical Accessibility**

We will share with prospective parents of disabled children the school's Disability Accessibility Plan. The School will do its best to make adjustments to take account of an individual pupil's needs, within the constraints imposed by its historic buildings on a scattered site. However it is unlikely that, in the immediate future, the school site could be made accessible for those with severe physical impairment or who are in a wheelchair.

### **Other Adjustments**

We are able, depending on need, to arrange for children to use laptop computers and other suitable peripheral devices in classes and, for example, for large print documents to be given to those with impaired vision.

### **Medical Support**

As a day school, we have no on-site medical staff. All staff members are trained in first-aid and some are willing and trained to administer basic medication when the need arises. Arrangements to cater for more significant medical needs would need to be discussed fully prior to admission to ensure that the school could make reasonable adjustments to provide the necessary medical support. It may be that parents would incur an additional cost if significant care needed to be provided.

### **Staff Training**

Members of our teaching staff receive training on the learning needs of pupils with special education needs and disabilities.

### **Related Policies:**

Admissions Policy  
Anti-Bullying Policy  
Equal Opportunities Policy  
Disability Access Plan