



St Paul's Catholic Primary School and Nursery Facilities Management Report

Access Audit Report

An access audit was carried out at St Pauls Catholic Primary School on 04 November 2014. This is a statutory requirement and is carried out in order to comply with the Equality Act 2010. It also measures the school against the Approved document M(2004) of the Building Regulations.

The audit team comprised of:

Noreen Moore	NRAC Auditor for Portsmouth City Council
Alex Speight	Facilities Manager, St Pauls
Dave Keeling	Site Manager, St Pauls

The last audit was carried out in 2009, with the school achieving a 32% compliance rating.

Some of the main areas of concern were

- Make provision for designated car parking space for disabled visitors.
- Ramp to Infants/Early Years - It is recommended to review this section of path.
- Playground sloping grounds- It is recommended to make provision of a combined step and ramp approach.
- Carry out feasibility study to modify the external steps.
- Improve approach to Main Entrance Door.
- Internal Doors - modify doors that require improvement.
- Add manifestation to the Hall half height clear glazed doors.
- Improve the colour scheme in the Accessible wheelchair WC facility (Early Years)
- Make provision for ambulant WC Facilities (Children & Adults).
- Consider providing stair lifts or passenger lift to assist disabled people.
- Stepped access around passageways to classrooms.
- Provide new and additional staircases handrails and ensure that these are in accordance with Document M (2004) of the Building Regulations.
- Provide a hearing loop for the reception desk and the main hall.
- Check and correct all lighting levels so that it is in accordance with the CIBSE

All the above raised issues have been discussed between the Head Teacher and the facilities team. There is some planned maintenance to deal with these issues and costings have been produced for the works involved. All items raised have been assigned a priority, according to Health and Safety and will be introduced into the school maintenance schedule as appropriate.

With the areas described above, the audit showed an improvement in compliance to

Approved Document M(2004) of Building Regulations	39%
Equality Act 2010	85%