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LSP Accessibility Statement for Disabled Pupils, Staff and Visitors.

Lewis School, Pengam Comprehensive School has been actively committed to providing access for disabled persons on its campus for many years. Surveys have been carried out by CCBC / MITIE to ensure access and egress is facilitated for wheelchair users and those with movement difficulties. In recent years, the lead member of staff for Health and Safety (Deb Williams), with support from CCBC and MITIE has ensured further improvements have been made. In addition, when a pupil has specific needs, support and advice is also sought from specialist staff from Inclusion Services.

The Governing Body is keen to ensure that the school site is accessible to all where practically possible. The school campus is on a level site, with one three-storey building. The building were built in 2003 and is of brick construction. The school has no asbestos on site.

- Wheelchair access between floors in the main building is provided by means of a lift.
- The school hall is fully accessible. The school stage is accessed using a flexi lift.
- All classrooms in the school are accessible by wheelchair.
- Disabled parking is provided in the car park. There are three dedicated spaces.
- The school canteen is fully accessible.
- All exterior sports facilities can be accessed by wheelchair users
- There is a disabled toilet in school (near reception)
- Pupil toilets in the Main Block have easy access cubicles.
- LCD monitors have been installed in all IT suites.
- All handrails comply with current legislation.
- Blinds are provided in all classrooms.
- Furniture is provided to meet disabled standards and to allow wheelchair access beneath it. This includes computer room tabling and food technology/catering provision.
- All pupil seating is ergonomic.

- When classrooms are refurbished, contrasting colours are used when purchasing furnishings..
- Drinking fountains are available and accessible by all
- Provision of all documents is in acceptable font and point size for easy reading of circulated material. Where needed individual pupils have variable font size/paper colour.
- Planning for emergency egress takes into account the requirements of disabled persons; this includes a refuge area and an EVAC chair.
- Appropriate staff have received training to safely use this system in times of emergency.
- The school has been proactive in ensuring that as far as reasonably practicable, access is available to all persons,
- Whenever there is to be any change in the school fabric the opportunities will continue to be taken to upgrade to DDA standards.

Deb Williams (Health and Safety officer) 2023