

King Edward VI High School for Girls Disability Policy

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DISABILITY POLICY

ADMISSIONS AND DISABLED PUPILS

We are an academically selective school and we welcome all girls who can make the most of the opportunities that we offer and can flourish in the caring environment of KEHS. Treating every child as an individual is important to us, and we welcome pupils with physical disabilities.

We advise parents of children with physical disabilities to discuss their daughter's requirements with KEHS before she sits the entrance exam so that we can make adequate provision for her. Parents should provide a copy of a medical report to support their request, for example, for large print material or other special arrangements.

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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 she becomes a pupil at the school.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY

Parents, and prospective parents of the School, who have disabled children may wish to obtain copies of our school's Accessibility Plan from the web site. This shows the ways in which we plan to make our buildings progressively more accessible to disabled pupils, parents and visitors.

KEHS has an active monitoring policy and 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 large site. We are progressively introducing facilities for wheelchair users as our buildings are upgraded. The first floor is accessible with a lift and disabled toilet facilities are provided, with EvacChairs available in case of emergency evacuation. A platform lift is situated by the music department and the newly extended Design Centre includes a lift.

OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

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

THE MEDICAL AREA

KEHS has a modern medical area that is open during the school day so that qualified help can be summoned immediately by the School First Aider. The School First Aider

Is always happy to discuss any girl's health problems, and the management of any medical condition, with her parents.

STAFF TRAINING

All staff (including teaching and support staff) will be given regular training on working with disabled pupils as the need arises. Our teaching staff receive training on the learning needs of pupils on a pupil by pupil basis.