

## **DISABILITY STATEMENT**



This Disability Statement refers to disability as defined within the Equality Act 2010

A person (P) has a disability if—  
(a) P has a physical or mental impairment, and  
(b) the impairment has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on P's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.  
(2) A reference to a disabled person is a reference to a person who has a disability.

We undertake to comply with our duty under the Equality Act 2010 and will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that none of our learners are disadvantaged due to a disability issue.

The statement applies to all people who have a disability, learning difficulty or other health condition that requires the College to make reasonable adjustments.

*Note: Learners do not necessarily need to have a disability to receive support.*

### **Admission Arrangements**

Admission to College is arranged in a way that suits your needs. The College application form asks for general details of your support needs, which will be discussed with you at your initial interview or enrolment. A more detailed assessment of your requirements for equipment, support and so on will follow later. We may call in other agencies specialising in particular areas of support but no-one will be contacted without your agreement. We will make sure that you are involved throughout and we may visit you at home if that is necessary.

Your first point of contact for queries and advice about provision for learners with disabilities is

**Learning Support on 01274 327260**

### **Support**

The support that we offer depends on your needs and is organised on an individual basis. We provide trained staff who will listen to you and provide advice, guidance and support. The college has specialist knowledge in supporting a wide range of needs including:

- Deaf and Hearing Impaired Learners
- Autistic Spectrum Condition and students who have Asperger's Syndrome
- Dyslexia and other Specific Learning Difficulties
- People with a condition that effects their Mental Health
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Emotional and behavioural difficulties
- Blind and visually impaired learners
- People with a physical disability or other condition effecting mobility
- Adults and young people with a Learning Disability

Support we are able to provide includes

### **Support to meet personal needs**

- Mobility assistance
- Personal Care
- Support outside the classroom including at meal and break times
- Travel between sites
- Travel Training
- Assistance with any special dietary requirements
- Liaison with other specialist agencies

### **Learning support**

- Specialist assessments
- Study skills and assignment planning
- 1:1 and small group support
- Note taking
- Spelling workshops
- British Sign Language Communication support
- Links with other agencies
- Learning Coaches and a team of support staff

### **A wide range of Equipment and Resources**

- A range of Information Technology and other adaptive technologies to support learners
- Screen magnifiers and Voice recognition software
- Keyboards, key guards and alternative access devices
- Text help
- Equipment and special resources loan service
- IT staff to support to provide support

### **Examinations and Assessment**

Many students receive the statutory assistance of extra time and readers and writers in examinations and get help with putting together portfolios for assessment. We will discuss this at your interview and will need to make arrangements with examination boards well in advance. They will require evidence of your disability or learning difficulty.

### **Access**

All College buildings are accessible to our learners. All buildings have lifts however where possible we will endeavour to locate students in our most accessible rooms.

Car parking spaces are reserved for students with disabilities.

Our College is based on historic buildings in the world Heritage site in Saltaire, unfortunately this does not provide a perfectly accessible environment however help to move between buildings is available from our team support staff if required.

There are wheelchair accessible toilets in all the main college buildings.

For some students transport from home is available through Bradford Council.

The College is also able to provide travel training for young people wishing to become more independent.

## **Emergency Evacuation**

Shipleigh College has a personal emergency evacuation policy, which provides a personal plan for emergency evacuation for all wheelchair users and students with disabilities.

## **Complaints**

If you have a complaint or feel the college is not upholding this statement, the College has clear procedures and guidelines to help you. The College Student Charter describes the standards that you can expect.

## **Other Information**

The College receives funds from the YPLA and SFA as well as charging fees for some aspects of its work.

Students with a disability may qualify for additional financial help to meet the cost of equipment and support from Social Services, Charities and other Voluntary Organisations.

The College's duty is to make reasonable adjustments to support all who wish to attend the College however we cannot guarantee to meet the needs of every student with a learning difficulty or disability who wishes to attend the College but will try very hard to do so. Students can help by applying early for the programme of their choice and freely discussing their support needs.

This statement is reviewed annually to take account of changes in legislation, improvements in service and the requirements of students. It can be made available in large print, audio tape, Braille or community languages.

## **Contact**

For more information, contact may be made with:

Head of Learning Support  
Student Services

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