

St Dominic's Sixth Form College



Information on Disabled Access

St Dominic's is a Roman Catholic Sixth Form College committed to the personal and spiritual growth of all its members based on Christian values, academic excellence and high quality pastoral care.

Aim

It is the overall aim of St Dominic's Sixth Form College to do all that is reasonably possible to ensure that the school's facilities, services, culture, policies and procedures are made accessible to pupils, staff members and visitors who have disabilities, and to comply with our moral and legal responsibilities under the Equality Act (2010).

Access to College

The College and is located on Harrow on the Hill and as such the landscape of the College is hilly and steep in places. We will however make every reasonable adjustment in order to accommodate the needs of applicants, pupils, parents/guardians, visitors and members of staff who have disabilities.

All Four College buildings are fitted with lifts and will therefore be accessible to nearly all class rooms for disabled students on the campus. Hume, Catherine and Aquinas buildings are easily accessible via the ground floor without the need for additional help, access to the Sienna building will require assistance to access the bottom level of the building. The Learning Resource Centre has disabled ramps fitted.

Admissions

Parents/guardians of prospective pupils must notify the College of any disabilities in advance of registration and must discuss with the school what adjustments could reasonably be made to accommodate their child. The College may request a full report from a doctor or educational psychologist to help determine whether it can properly fulfil its legal and moral responsibilities to the child and its contractual duties to the parents/guardians.

In particular, the College will do all it reasonably can to ensure that the child can, with reasonable adjustments, access the curriculum, whether in the classroom or through other means. The College also expects all of its pupils to participate in a wide variety of activities as part of its ethos of inclusiveness, but must ensure that no pupil's education or safety is put at risk by the needs of another individual.

Existing Pupils

The College recognises that medical and psychological conditions can develop in existing pupils which may require adjustments to be made to the way in which the curriculum is delivered.

Parents/guardians must, as soon as possible, disclose to the College in confidence any known medical condition, health problem or allergy affecting an existing pupil. Where appropriate, the Head Teacher shall set up a consultation process so that interim measures can be put in place to support the pupil, and that longer term requirements may be determined. The College will, to the best of its ability, make such adjustments as are reasonably practicable to allow a pupil to continue at the College.

Reasonable Adjustments

The College shall endeavour to make reasonable adjustments to aid a prospective or existing pupil/staff member. Such adjustments may include (but not limited to):

- Installing low gradient ramps for easy access on the ground floor.
- Allocating a classroom on the ground floor.
- Specialist seating or any other relevant classroom resources or equipment.

In defining what is reasonable, the College shall take into account:

- The cost and feasibility of making specific alterations to the College premises.
- Implications on financial resources and the likelihood of any external funding being available to offset this.
- Staffing requirements.
- Health and safety considerations.
- The interests of pupils, staff and visitors.