
Disability information



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Disability Equality Duty is an additional duty in the Disability Discrimination Act, for schools and colleges to promote equality for disabled persons. This includes disabled students, disabled parents and disabled carers.

“Disability is a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long term adverse effect on a person’s ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities” (Disability Discrimination Act 1995 Part 1 Paragraph 1:1). This definition was amended and broadened in December 2005 under the 2005 Disability Amendment Act to include:-

- People with cancer or surviving cancer are now included, as are people with HIV and Multiple Sclerosis from the point of diagnosis.
- For mental impairment the need for it to be clinically well recognised has been removed.

In addition to this, the school has adopted the Disability Equality in Education recommendation that all students with Special Educational Needs and those with long term medical needs be treated as disabled for the purposes of the Act for equality. This is in addition to all students with long term impairments, which have a significant impact on their day-to-day activities.

We need to gather information to identify the students, parents and carers who are covered by the Duty. Once this information is available, it will then lead to further actions to improve outcomes for disabled persons.

[Complete the sections on the admission form to date data is available to the school and aid longer term planning to meet the needs of students, parents and carers.](#)