

## Accessibility Statement

Ardingly College welcomes all students, staff, parents, visitors, and external hirers and endeavours to make everyone's experience at the College successful and enjoyable. We are committed to improving access and facilities for people with disabilities. Our facilities include historical buildings, classrooms and educational rooms, libraries, purpose-built sports facilities, swimming pool, gym and boarding and day houses.

Parts of our provision are housed within historical, grade II listed buildings with stairs to upper floors which mean that wheelchair access to these buildings is limited to the ground floor. We have sited key functions on the ground floor so that they are accessible for all, for example the servery, dining hall and chapel. Access to some of these areas are via ramp, so we suggest you speak to us prior to your visit so we can ensure the ramps are in place ready for you. The topography of the site includes some steep hills and pathways on an uneven camber. For example, access to the swimming pool and gym is down a steep slope.

Our more modern buildings have been purpose built to meet the standard required by the Equality Act, for example Godwin Hall has a lift and 2 disabled access bedrooms with ensuite disabled access bathrooms. Burgess House has a disabled toilet and shower, and the West Quad toilets are complete with a visitors disabled toilet facility. Ramps are available to negotiate the changes in level within the main H Block to allow access to the servery, dining hall and chapel.

Disabled parking is available on North Quad for visitors, alternately double spaces can be booked on North Quad or in Snow Car park, please let us know of your need for a space and this will be reserved for you.

Where steps and stairs are used handrails are in place and stair edges are coloured to ensure they contrast with the stairs to assist those with a visual impairment. Pathways are provided around the campus to ensure pedestrian safety; these drop to the road level at crossing points. We have taken care to ensure external walkways and pathways are well light and signage is provided across the campus in strong contrasting colours.

Our Prep School is equipped with a wellbeing room, designed with neurodiverse students in mind, which can be used by anyone needing a few quiet minutes.

Guide dogs are welcome throughout the campus.

If you have any questions about accessibility, please discuss this us prior to your visit. If we are made aware of guest's specific needs prior to arrival, we will do everything we can to ensure they have what they need for the duration of their visit.