

DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME ANNUAL REPORT

- A REMINDER

Your school's Disability Equality Scheme is approaching its anniversary and you should be reporting progress on action plans each year.

Secondary schools should have had a scheme in place since December 2006, and Special and Primary schools since December 2007. There is a requirement to report annually on progress.

Full information on your legal duties can be found in the resource 'Implementing the DDA in schools and early years settings' available free of charge from DCSF Publications. There is also information on the Norfolk Schools website at:
www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk

If you do not yet have a scheme in place (and a recent survey by MENCAP suggests that up to 40% of schools do not) then we are happy to support your work to meet the duty.

From 2009 there will be an Equality and Diversity judgement in OFSTED inspection reports, which will include disability within the overall assessment of how effectively providers are promoting equality and eliminating discrimination. A robust Disability Equality Scheme will show that your school is committed to making a difference.

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