



## DISABLED ACCESS

### Detailed Audit and 3 Year Plan for FC & BH - started Sept 04

The physical nature of the buildings and site, together with limited financial resources, mean that a phased approach to improvements is required. Over the longer term building and renovation projects will incorporate an increasing number of disabled facilities. College buildings are listed below as at Sept 2004 with details of access improvements that are planned and have been made.

#### Increase Access to the Curriculum and availability of information

01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
2010	Investigate services available from LEA to translate prospectus and other joining information into alternative formats
2010	Deliver refresher training to all academic staff on disability
2011	Provide reasonable stock of specialist equipment for assisting hard of hearing and visually impaired pupils and visitors
2011/12	Ensure developments in VLE take full account of the needs of disabled pupils and those in need of Learning Support

#### FC - Pembroke House:

A boarding and day house for 41 girls. The building is of brick with pan tile roof. Windows are UPVC and double glazed. This was a doctor's surgery and was added to in the 1996 for its present use. It has three floors of which the ground and first floor are for student use the third floor being a flat for a resident staff member.

Access from the highway and car parks is good with no obstacles and a clear parking area in front of the house. The building has sills at the front door and wheelchair access is not possible. A side door is available with escape through the way in or two ground floor fire exits. The second and third floors are not accessible. There is no lift or ramped doorway or disabled toilets/showers. There is potential to adapt this building for ground floor use only.

Date	Improvements Made to Pembroke House
November 2008	£1.2m extension adding 22 extra rooms. Making the ground floor fully accessible for wheelchair use via the front door, and a fully DDA compliant room with shower. There is also a changing room with disable toilet and shower.
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012

### FC - Kerrison House

A boarding and day house accommodating 47 boys. The building was a purpose built boy's house split into three floors with accommodation on all floors and a flat for staff within the first floor. Construction is of brick with a flat roof. This was very much a barrack room type of building with central corridors at all floor with rooms for single, double and group accommodation leading off the main corridors.

Access from the public road is good, there is a step to the ground level before entering the front of the building but minor work would soon remedy this small problem. Entering the building from the front is over a threshold/sill and would be difficult although double doors are fitted. At the rear of the building there is an alternative door which is both wide enough and at a good level to accommodate wheelchair access. There are no lifts and therefore the ground floor only would be accessible. There are no accessible disabled toilets or showers. There are three exits available in the event of an emergency. There is potential for developing the ground floor only for disabled access.

Date	Improvements Made to Kerrison House
01 April 2009	DDA Review - small ramp needed at entrance of lobby.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
Feb 2010	Alterations are planned to the approaches of the zebra crossing. During this process the paths will be moved and re-laid, allowing ramped access from the zebra crossing into Kerrison main entrance.

### FC - Garrett House

A boarding and day house accommodating 48 boys. The building was purpose built of brick with a large area slate roof and sky light windows in some areas. There are two floors with much of the internal structure being boarded walls and a framework on which it is constructed. An internal flat for resident staff is at the front of the building and entrances either side of the flat consisting of a double and a single door opening. Access for wheelchairs could be made at the double door but the single is not wide enough. There are no lifts to the first floor and access would be restricted to the ground floor. There are no accessible disabled toilets.

There is potential to adapt this building as the internal structure could easily allow for improvements for the disabled student. Access from the road is good and the potential for total integration, with the exception of the first floor which is totally accommodation, could be gained at a reasonable cost. The loss of present accommodation would be inevitable as the space for disabled toilets showers and hoists would require space not presently available.

Date	Improvements Made to Garrett House
01 April 2009	DDA Review - Access to the ground floor is restricted, ramps at the main door and fire doors would allow access for wheel chair use.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
Feb 2010	Alterations are planned to the approaches of the zebra crossing. During this process the paths will be moved and re-laid, allowing ramped access from the zebra crossing into Garrett main entrance and front fire exit.

### FC - Moreau House

A boarding and day house accommodating 37 girls. The building was purpose built on two floors. There is an integral staff flat on the first floor. The building is brick with a pitched roof with pan tiles. Internally the rooms are mainly of stud wall partitions which could be adapted to alter the room sizes if required. There is presently one disabled toilet and shower, access is good-with flat entrances to the main building. Fire exits are available for wheelchairs and doors are fitted with wheelchair friendly furniture. There is potential for further development of this building which is considered to be the most user friendly building for girls boarding with disabilities. There is no access to the second accommodation floor.

Date	Improvements Made to Moreau House
01 April 2009	DDA Review - Fire exits use for wheel chairs is difficult due to the height of the sills
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	Investigate fire exits for feasibility of ramps or lowering door sills

### FC - Victoria Girls House

A boarding and day house accommodating 29 girls. The house was once the school's sanatorium and has since been converted and restructured on at least two occasions. It is brick built with slate roof tiles. There are two floors with an integral flat for staff. The building is brick built with major work required to transform room sizes. Access is good but once inside a maze of corners and stairs restricts movement within the house. This is not an easy house for disabled pupils or staff to deal with. There are no accessible facilities available and the layout of the building makes alterations virtually impossible unless a major restructuring rebuild is planned.

Date	Improvements Made to Victoria House
01 April 2009	DDA Review - Access could be made to the ground floor if a ramp was installed at the entrance by HM's house
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
TBC	Victoria is programmed for refurbishment. DDA is to be considered in the early planning stage of any changes

### FC - Stradbroke/Rendlesham Houses

Boarding and day houses Stradbroke accommodating 46 boys and Rendlesham accommodating 44 boys. The buildings are the East and West wings within the original main school building of 1864. There is little access to Stradbroke house as the escape routes are all along fire routes which were designed for the physically able. The house is situated on the first and second floors of the building with access via stairs and a lift. But differing heights of floors and rooms within the house makes travel difficult if not impossible for wheelchair users. Rendlesham can also use the same lift for access but has a ground floor entrance off a public area of the school which could support wheelchair access with restructuring of the ground floor. There is no access to disabled toilets or facilities for either house.

Date	Improvements Made to Stradbroke & Rendlesham House
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### FC - Athlone Hall

The Music and Stage Theatre is capable of hosting the entire college for school productions, lectures and musical events. It is made of brick with a tiled pitched roof. Access is good from the road and parking is available nearby. A ramp is currently used for wheelchair users and two exits are available for emergencies. There are no facilities for disabled toilets and seating is within the wheelchair with space made available next to the front and close to a fire exit. This building is currently being reviewed for a major refurbishment including the disabled pupil and access.

Date	Improvements Made to Athlone Hall
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### FC - Recital Rooms and Music Practice Rooms

The practice rooms are available to wheelchair access however the recital rooms are inaccessible as twisting stairs have to be negotiated. There are no disabled toilets and access is restrictive.

Date	Improvements Made to Recital Rooms and Music Practice Rooms
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### FC - Sports Hall and Swimming Pool

This is one building of brick of metal roof construction. It is reasonably new and conforms to disabled access building regulations. Parking and ramp access to the front doors is provided. It has purpose built entrances with two disabled toilet and shower rooms. There is a hoist for pool use and exits are all disability friendly. Staff are trained to use the equipment with disabled pupils. Access is to the ground floor only as classrooms for Physical Education subjects are on the first floor and stairs are the only access.

Date	Improvements Made to Sports Hall and Swimming Pool
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### FC - Design Studio

This building is on three floors with Art at the top which is only accessible by stairs. The first floor is design and computer rooms with woodwork and jewellery room. This is accessible through the

front doors where double doors can be used if required. The ground floor can be accessed from the reverse side of the building again through double doors. This opens up the metalwork, radio room, cookery and photographic sections of the facility. Fire escapes are all close to working areas within this building.

Date	Improvements Made to Design Studio
01 April 2009	DDA Review - The ramp accessing the ground floor double doors need improving.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	Maintenance to investigate the possibility of a permanent ramp. If not the existing one is to be refurbished.

### FC - Science Block

A purpose built building of brick with a pan tile pitched roof. It has three floors, with access to the ground floor via double doors and easy access to all laboratories. Access to the second and third floors can be gained via a service lift with fire escape holding areas at exits to the outside evacuation stairs.

Date	Improvements Made to Science Block
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### FC - Ziegele Classroom Block and Library

Ground floor classrooms are all accessible through the front entrance; a passenger lift is available for the first floor and into the first floor of the library. The Library ground floor entrance is accessible via the back entrance to the school and entrance ramp.

Date	Improvements Made to Ziegele Classroom Block and Library
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### FC - Math's Classrooms

These are not accessible to wheelchair users as stairs have to be crossed at each of the three entrances to the department. This is an area which is under review.

Date	Improvements Made to Math's Classrooms
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### FC - Languages Department

These classrooms are within the main school and are only reachable via twisting stairs which take you from the ground to the first floor. Access is not possible for wheelchairs. There are no requirements for toilet facilities in this area.

Date	Improvements Made to Languages Department
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### FC - Chapel

This is accessible from the front and rear entrances with fire exits readily available.

Date	Improvements Made to Chapel
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### FC - Drama Studio

This is open to wheelchair access by means of a double door with a flat entrance. This is a simple building with an open floor space with chairs and table arranged by staff as required. It is used for junior drama lessons and play rehearsals

Date	Improvements Made to Drama Studio
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### FC - College Main Building

The main building was built in 1864 and was purpose built as a college for physically fit young men. All entrances required steps to be climbed and each of the three floors required a climb. The building now has ramp access permanently built at one entrance and portable ramps available should they be required elsewhere. A passenger lift has been fitted to access all floors and classrooms with holding areas for fire rescue parties to evacuate wheelchair or disabled pupils and staff.

The dining hall is situated within the main building with access available adequate seating space for wheelchairs at tables.

There is no access to a disabled toilet in the main college building, this has been reviewed and plans are underway to rectify this matter.

The sixth form centre is a social club for senior pupils which has a stair lift fitted for access and open spaces for wheelchair manoeuvring and general social interaction.

Date	Improvements Made to College Main Building
Sept 2007	Stair lift removed due to damage and restrictions on fire escape route
July 2008	Handrails added to steps from main corridor to Chapel entrance

August 2009	Handrails added to steps at main entrance and in front of Albert statue
September 2009	Admission Office moved to main corridor to allow easier access
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### FC - Grounds

Framlingham College has extensive grounds and buildings consisting of the main school with two boarding houses, five external boarding houses and several satellite buildings. There are numerous sports fields and site is split by the B1116 Dennington Road.

Date	Improvements Made to Drama Studio
01 April 2009	DDA Review - Review the angle of the slopes on the path beside the sport hall as they seem very steep.
01 April 2009	DDA Review - The way the zebra crossing is being used is under review. It will look at changes to the access paths from Pembroke, Garrett and Kerrison houses across the Dennington Rd. When the paths are re-laid they will be wheelchair friendly.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### BH - Main Building

The main school building is a Category II listed building dating back to about 1640. Many of the features of the building are not capable of amendment without considerable cost and require consent. Some adjustments are simply not possible. The corridors through the building are very narrow and can not be widened or moved.

#### Access to building

The main entry door is fronted by a cobbled area, and has a small step. This can be traversed by a wheelchair but in some discomfort. An application has been made for permission to install a covering of the cobbles to the door but further discussion continues on the methods to be implemented. The alternative access point is through the main classroom block, which is at ground level and through double doors. This is appropriate for pupils attending classes and for current parents who are aware of the layout of the site. Access for visitors can be via the classroom block, but at present this relies on prior contact with the school to arrange a guide. If this route is to continue then the issue of signage and communication with Reception needs to be addressed. The corridor around the dining hall has a sharp turn and is narrow. However, access to the Administration area of the school can be gained through the Dining Hall. Pupils should rarely need to access this area. Moving past Administration towards the Common Room and Master's study is complicated by a fireplace jutting into the passageway. Access into Administration is tricky due to the narrowness of the corridor at this point. Staff have access to the staff workroom near the dining room if they are unable to get to the main common room (although they can access this via the outside route through the main door. Once there however, the door into the Common Room is very narrow and is impossible to change due to the structure of the building.) Access to staff

toilets is under review and a unisex disabled toilet is being planned. Future building developments will include such facilities.

Date	Improvements Made to Main Building
August 2008	Wheel chair friendly path laid between cobbles with ramp to main door
April 2009	Dedicated disabled parking bay allocated by main door
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### **BH - Classroom Block**

Access is through double doors at ground level. This is the main entry point for pupils and parents. There is a small lip on the door. A ramp needs to be fitted. Half the classrooms for pupils are on the ground floor and are accessible. However, there are currently PCs in the corridor which will be removed if necessary. The doors to the classrooms are narrow and require further consideration. There are two science labs, one on each floor. Disabled staff / pupils would be timetabled such that their lessons were on the ground floor. There is not currently a lift, but it is possible that room could be found for one in the future near the staircase. If and when the block is extended a lift will be fitted to access the top floor.

Date	Improvements Made to Classroom Block
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### **BH - Pre-Prep**

Part of the Pre Prep and Nursery are being rebuilt and have been designed to meet the latest access standards.

Date	Planned Changes and Improvements Made to Pre-Prep
01 April 2009	DDA Review - Ramp would allow access to the area between Nursery and Pre-prep
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	To be considered when flooring replaced

### **BH - Rowley Hall**

Access is through a ground floor lobby. Toilets are on the ground floor and are easily accessible. Disabled facilities are provided.

Date	Improvements Made to Rowley Hall
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### **BH - CDT Building**

Access to CDT is via a steep ramp through double doors. Access to IT and the toilets is through double doors and a lobby. On the other side of the building four classrooms are accessed through a single door with a slope. There is no access to the two rooms upstairs and pupils and staff would have to be timetabled elsewhere. Access to the toilet is very narrow and needs widening. The classroom doors may be too narrow.

Date	Improvements Made to CDT Building
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### **BH - Alice Hall girls boarding**

Access is through a single door over a small step into a corridor. This is wide enough for access. However, there are no ground floor bed rooms, and no easy access to any of the upstairs rooms. Access to the Common room is over a step. These issues will have to be addressed as part of any redesign of access to the house. Pupils would have to be allocated a downstairs room.

Date	Improvements Made to Alice Hall
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### **BH - Austin Hall boys boarding**

Boys boarding is on the top two floors of the main building. There is no lift access. A stair lift could be fitted to the first floor (subject to Listed Building permission). Access to the top rooms is difficult, with narrow doorways and corridors, low ceilings and awkward corners.

Date	Improvements Made to Austin Hall
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### **BH - Staff accommodation**

The Girls Housemistress house is a single storey building which has been designed with the needs of a disabled child in mind.

Date	Improvements Made to Drama Studio
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

Other staff accommodation is in the main building and Alice Hall. None is easily accessible in the absence of a lift. The Matron's flat in Alice Hall is on the ground floor, but is through a narrow corridor and has a step.

### **BH - Swimming Pool**

In order to access the pool there are two sets of steps on the external path. Both can be changed into ramps if necessary. However, pupils swim most often at the College, which is designed with access in mind.

Date	Planned Changes and Improvements Made to Drama Studio
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
	None

### **BH - Changing Rooms**

There are small steps up to the doors. Inside the buildings are okay, but there are no disabled toilets or showers. This will be addressed in any new build.

Date	Planned Changes and Improvements Made to Drama Studio
01 April 2009	DDA Review - No further changes required at this time.
01 April 2009 -	Proposed plans to 2012
Before 2012	DDA requirements to be considered in the early planning stages of the refurbishment