

Access Statement

Kirkley Hall, which is part of Northumberland College, is committed to equal opportunities and access for all.

The disability equality scheme is published in accordance with the disability equality duty section of the Disability Discrimination Act (2005).

The aim of the scheme is to give detailed information to all stakeholders about our plans to ensure that Kirkley Hall implements a proactive approach to disability equality.

We will

- Promote equality of opportunity for all people
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination
- Eliminate disability related harassment
- Promote positive attitudes towards disabled people
- Ensure that all staff working for Kirkley Hall have access to suitable and adequate training
- Encourage participation by disabled people in events at Kirkley Hall
- Identify potential barriers to access and seek to eliminate or minimise them as practicably possible

The scheme has an accompanying action plan which includes the specific steps we intend to take to reach the objectives above. Kirkley Hall will monitor the effectiveness of the access policy.

Access vision

Our aim is to provide a stimulating and user friendly environment that is relevant to the requirements of the visitor and provides freedom of choice. We recognise that all visitors have special needs and Kirkley Hall aims to improve levels of understanding and employment for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds regardless of whether they have disabilities.

Equipment Provision

Kirkley Hall can provide a mobile induction loop to assist visitors who have hearing impairments (which is available at reception).

Highchairs are available for families.

All publications and brochures are available in large print, varied fonts and on suitable paper for those with reading difficulties or visual impairments.

Assistance dogs are welcomed at Kirkley Hall.

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

Eight disabled car parking spaces for blue badge holders are available in the main car park. Disabled users can also be dropped off at the door of the Main Hall and park in the courtyard. Those without blue badges can register their car at reception.

Access to the main hall is well lit and ramps into the building are in place at reception and via the main front door.

All main rooms are on the ground floor and there is ramp access to the terrace and lawns.

Toilet Facilities

Accessible toilet facilities are available on the ground floor in the main hall.

Copies of all policies are available on request