

## Statement on Students with Physical Disabilities

At St Giles International, we believe that diversity enriches our school community and strengthens the educational experience we provide.

St Giles welcomes students of all backgrounds, including, where possible, those with physical disabilities, and we have in the past had students with visual, hearing, mobility issues and other difficulties. However, given the size, age and nature of our school buildings, we recognise and regret to say, that we cannot always make reasonable adjustments to enable wheelchair users or those with severe mobility restrictions to study at all our schools or stay in our residential accommodation.

For all students with a physical impairment, please contact us in advance and **ask for more information so we know exactly what to expect and what adjustments may need to be made in the school/classroom.** It is also important to remember that there may be issues with bathroom access, or procedure in cases of evacuation from the school. Partners and school staff are asked to always check with the school Principal, to see if we are able to accept any particular student, on a case-by case basis, to ensure we are able to meet a student's individual needs.

### **Premises:**

Our buildings are not all equally accessible, particularly to wheelchair users, so we encourage students (& overseas partners) who have specific accessibility needs or enquiries, to contact the school Principal to discuss any accommodations needed.

While our advertised residences may not be able to accommodate all students with disabilities, we will do our best to offer alternatives. We are here to assist you to make informed decisions about the feasibility of accessing our programs and services.

### **St Giles Brighton**

We have a hearing-aid loop facility in our Platinum Centre to help students with hearing difficulties.

We have a ramp to enable wheelchair users to access the main reception area and ground floor, but the layout of our old building means it is not possible for wheelchair users to access other areas of the school.

The following school information should be considered:

- There is no lift in the school building
- Offices, classrooms, bathrooms and other facilities are located on different floors

### **St Giles Cambridge**

We would arrange for students with mobility issues to have their classes on the same floor as our main office, with as few steps as possible. However, the layout of our old building mean that there is little adaptation we can make for students with significant mobility difficulties.

The following school information should be considered:

- The entrances to our building all have steps
- Classrooms, bathrooms and other facilities are located on different floors

### **St Giles Eastbourne**

Any student who requires wheelchair access would be allocated to a ground floor classroom and would be able to access the classroom directly through a door that leads into our garden. Visually impaired or hearing-impaired students could sit close to the board and teacher.

The following school information should be considered:

- The entrances to our building all have steps
- There is no lift in the school
- Offices, classrooms, bathrooms and other facilities are located on different floors

### **St Giles London Central**

We have a front entrance ramp, lift and a bathroom that can accommodate students who use wheelchairs.

The onsite residence is not suitable for a wheelchair user as the lift would not be in use in case of a fire. Students who would not be able to evacuate the building independently are encouraged to arrange alternative accommodation or contact us to discuss other options.

The following school information should be considered:

- Offices, classrooms, bathrooms and other facilities are located on different floors
- A small number of areas in the school are only accessible by steps
- The lift cannot be used in an emergency evacuation. We can arrange a personal evacuation plan for wheelchair users.

### **St Giles London Highgate**

We have a ramp to enable wheelchair users to access the main reception area and ground floor.

The layout of our old building means that it is not possible for wheelchair users to access all areas of the school.

The following school information should be considered:

- There is no lift in the building
- Offices, classrooms, bathrooms the café and other facilities are located on different floors
- There is no bathroom suitable for wheelchair users

### **St Giles Juniors & Family Course Locations:**

Please contact us for specific information on accessibility at our Junior Centers and Family Course locations: [juniors@stgiles.co.uk](mailto:juniors@stgiles.co.uk)