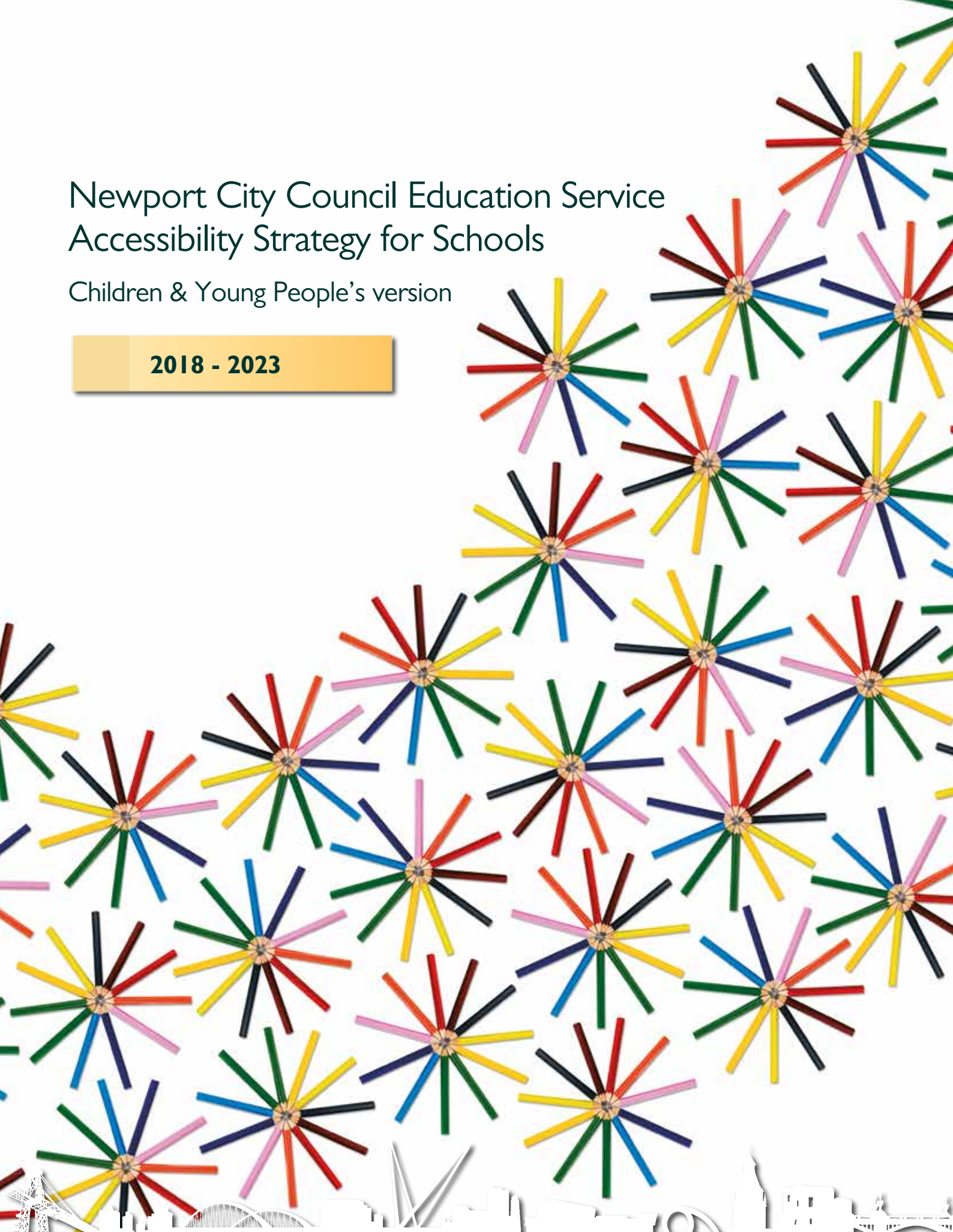


Newport City Council Education Service Accessibility Strategy for Schools

Children & Young People's version

2018 - 2023



What is an accessibility Strategy for schools?

An accessibility strategy sets out how the council will make things better for children and young people with disabilities in schools, over a set amount of time.

Why do we need an accessibility strategy for schools?

Having a strategy helps us to set targets for making things better and helps us to remember what we said we would do. It is also the law - *The Equality Act 2010* says we have to have one.

An accessibility strategy needs to make these things better:

- How disabled pupils are involved in all subjects (the curriculum)
- How disabled pupils can move about our schools
- How information is provided by our schools to pupils parents and carers

How has the strategy been made?

This accessibility strategy has been made after a big meeting (called a workshop) was held to talk about what the strategy should include. The meeting included lots of people who work with disabled people, some parents with disabled children in school, and some people who work in schools. We have also met with some young people who have been to school in Newport, so that they could tell us what is important to help disabled pupils get involved.

We agreed that these things are really important:

- ✓ Listening to parents and pupils
- ✓ Working together with schools and families
- ✓ Putting the child's needs first
- ✓ Being honest
- ✓ Being willing to make changes whenever we can, if it will make things better

We have also collected information about all of our schools to help us decide where we some of the biggest difficulties might be.



What will the Newport City Council Accessibility Strategy for schools do?

The strategy sets out the following aims to be achieved before 2023:

School buildings:



- 😊 We will increase the number of school halls and classrooms which are accessible to Wheelchair users

Working together:



- 😊 We will help our teachers develop plans for making their schools better for disabled pupils
- 😊 We will make these plans available to pupils and families
- 😊 We will help schools to think about how they share messages to pupils and families

Better communication



- 😊 We will help schools to be better at knowing who has a disability and needs help
- 😊 We will help schools to be better at making sure the right people in the school know what help is needed and who to speak to

Review progress:



- 😊 We will look at what we have made better and update our strategy every three years

