



## **Accessibility Policy**

The British School of Tenerife is a non-selective, co-educational school with around 615 students on roll. The majority of students join the school at the age of 2 and complete their studies in Year 13.

At the BST we strongly feel that children and young adults are entitled to the best education they can access and thus, we will do everything within our power to facilitate admission to all pupils. We ensure that there is no discrimination against race, religion or gender.

### **Physical disabilities**

The BST **Primary school** is wheelchair friendly. Parents of students in wheelchairs drop off their son/daughter at the main entrance to the school, they do not need to use the school car park. A special parking permission slip issued by the school must be displayed while parked.

All classrooms and both playgrounds are accessible via ramps and both boys' and girls' toilets have a wheelchair cubicle. The dining hall is the only area which does not yet have a ramp. If a pupil starts in Primary, before access to this area is changed, they should eat with a friend, at the table in the sick room.

The BST **Secondary school** building existed before consideration was given to wheelchair access. However, access is available from the main school entrance to the Art Room, Room 10, Dining Room and lower playground. As one of the main priorities on our School Improvement Plan is the unification of the whole school on one site, the Yeoward site in La Luz, if a physically disabled pupil requests admission, wheelchair access at the Trinity site will be provided in the form of mobile ramps in the main building. Timetables will be adapted so that all subject can be taught on the bottom corridor.

### **Excursions.**

Excursions should be planned bearing in mind that a disabled student will be participating. If the venue or activity is not suitable for students in wheel chairs, then arrangements will be discussed with the student and their parents or carers.

### **Neurodiversity**

The School is happy to accept students with SEND as long as we are able to offer the student a positive learning environment. SEND students receive focused help in the curriculum from teachers in our SEND Department. Digital books and readings tools are available to support learning. Extra time is allowed in tests/exams and the use of a laptop is encouraged.

### **Gifted and Talented**

Children joining our school with a statement from a professional stating that they are gifted and talented (G&T) will be challenged in all those academic subjects in which their high ability has been identified. At the age of 13, they need to be retested to confirm this diagnosis, as their development can vary over time.

### **EAL learners**

At the British School of Tenerife, we welcome children who do not have English as their first language. Children in Primary will be offered extra support, pupils in Secondary may need to attend intensive English lessons outside school. (See EAL Policy published on the BST website).