

Accessibility Statement

Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School

In accordance with S.I. No. 358/2020 – European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies) Regulations 2020

Website Covered	https://www.mpetss.ie/
Public Body	Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School, Swords, Co. Dublin, Ireland
Status Date	13 July 2026
Compliance Level	Partially Compliant (WCAG 2.1 / 2.2 Level AA)

1. Statement of Commitment

Malahide Portmarnock Educate Together Secondary School is committed to making its website, <https://www.mpetss.ie/>, accessible in accordance with the European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies) Regulations 2020 (S.I. No. 358 of 2020).

As an inclusive, co-educational school welcoming students of all religious denominations, we are committed to ensuring our digital infrastructure respects universal access principles. We strive to remove barriers for students, parents, staff members, and site visitors with diverse cognitive, sensory, auditory, neurological, and physical capabilities.

2. Compliance Status

This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 and WCAG 2.2 Level AA standards, due to the specific non-compliances and exclusions noted below.

Partial compliance signifies that while the majority of core navigational sections and content resources align fully with the standard criteria, select individual page layouts, archived documents, or externally embedded dynamic features require further review or adjustment.

3. Non-Accessible Content

We are actively implementing ongoing improvements to our digital architecture. The items noted below describe current platform limitations that the school's web team is progressively resolving:

3.1. Non-Compliance with the Regulations

- **Structural Hierarchy and Page Layouts:** Select elements across some page templates do not possess fully organised section labels, descriptive ARIA roles, or correctly nested heading structures. This affects WCAG Success Criterion 1.3.1 (Info and Relationships) and 4.1.2 (Name, Role, Value).
- **Document File Formats (PDFs, Newsletters, Policies):** Some administrative documents, newsletters, and policy files distributed as embedded document links may lack structural markup, comprehensive metadata, or a clear reading order for screen reader software. This affects WCAG Success Criterion 2.4.2 (Page Titled) and 1.3.1.
- **Image Alternative Text:** Certain images, gallery photographs, and background graphics do not consistently include comprehensive text alternatives (alt text). This affects WCAG Success Criterion 1.1.1 (Non-text Content).

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- **Navigational Link Clarity:** Isolated hyperlinks within news posts use non-descriptive phrasing such as “Read More” or “click here” instead of clear, independent link names. This affects WCAG Success Criterion 2.4.4 (Link Purpose – In Context).

3.2. Exemptions under the Regulations

- **Third-Party Integrations:** The website uses external software such as map displays, portal links, school-app integrations, and uncaptioned media managed outside our immediate domain infrastructure. These are exempt under the Regulations where the underlying technical layout remains outside our control.
- **Pre-Existing Archived Content:** Static media files and document versions published prior to 23 September 2018 that are not essential to carrying out current school functions or statutory procedures remain exempt under the Regulations.

4. Preparation and Evaluation Methodology

This accessibility statement was prepared and last reviewed on 13 July 2026. It will be reviewed on a rolling annual basis, or following major changes to the website's design or content structure.

Compliance was assessed through a self-evaluation carried out by the school's web team. The review involved manual checks of page templates across different screen sizes, together with automated accessibility review tools (including WAVE and the Axe accessibility engine), to identify and prioritise issues for remediation.

5. Feedback, Content Requests, and Contact Information

We welcome your feedback on the accessibility of our website. If you encounter layout errors, have difficulty navigating any part of the site, or need a document in an alternative format (such as large print, plain text, or a structured data file), please contact us:

Malahide Portmarnock ETSS – Contact Details	
Email:	office@mpetss.ie
Phone:	+353 (0)1 963 1299
Postal Address:	Swords Enterprise Centre, Feltrim Road, Drinan, Swords, Co. Dublin, Ireland

Please include: the web page link (URL), the specific nature of the problem, your contact details, and your preferred accessible format.

Our administrative team aims to acknowledge accessibility feedback and fulfil accessible-format document requests within five (5) working days of receipt.

6. Enforcement and Redress Procedure

The European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies) Regulations 2020 provide a formal means of redress if you receive an inadequate or excessively delayed response to an issue you have raised with us.

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If you are not satisfied with our response, you may escalate your complaint to the following statutory bodies established under the Disability Act 2005 and the Equal Status Act 2000:

- **Office of the Ombudsman:** For complaints relating to a public body failing to meet the compliance obligations set out in Sections 25 to 28 of the Disability Act 2005. Complaints can be submitted via www.ombudsman.ie, by email to complaints@ombudsman.ie, or by writing to: The Office of the Ombudsman, 6 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02 W773.
- **Workplace Relations Commission (WRC):** For issues involving discrimination or equal access under the Equal Status Act 2000. Complaint forms are available via www.workplacerelations.ie.