

**SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND  
DISABILITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2005**

**S.I. 2005 1117**

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**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

**COMMENTARY ON ARTICLES**

**Part Iii – Disability Discrimination in Education**

*Chapter 1 – Schools*

*Article 17: Accessibility strategies of Boards*

46. This Article places a duty on Boards to plan to increase accessibility of the curriculum and school premises and to improve the delivery of information which is provided in writing for pupils who do not have a disability, to pupils who have a disability in ways which are determined after taking account of the effects of the disabilities and any preferences expressed by the pupil or their parents.
47. The Board's accessibility strategy will set out its plans in respect of the controlled schools under its management. The Board can choose the format it feels most appropriate to record its strategy but must have regard to any guidance issued by the Department of Education.