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PROPOSED EXTERNAL CANOPY TO PROVIDE SHELTERED EXTERNAL PLAY FACILITY FOR SEN CLASSROOMS, WITH INTERNAL ALTERATIONS FOR AMENDED SEN FACILITIES

Description of Work

The proposal the erection of a new external covered play area to facilitate sheltered external play area provision for SEN students, as well as internal alterations to the existing layout to allow for an amended layout to accommodate SEN facilities.

1. Use

The site is used as a Primary school and this use will not be altered by the proposal.

2. Amount of Development

It is proposed to erect a new dedicated covered play canopy which is to be located to the existing SEN play area and is to be accessed via an existing entrance doors located to the three SEN classrooms. The proposed canopy is to be approximately 9.3m in length x 2.865m in depth and will sit comfortably within the extents of the existing SEN years play area, with the depth suitably matching the existing covered play structure.

For the internal alterations, the existing walls will be removed and new partitions installed to create more spaces to allow for more SEN facilities.

These will include for new SEN classroom spaces, new One to One spaces and Break Out spaces, as well as a new sensory room and a new dining area specifically for the SEN students which will be separate from the main school dining space.

There will also be amended toilet spaces and a new Meeting Room.

3. Layout

As noted above - It is proposed to install a new external canopy structure to facilitate dedicated and much needed sheltered outdoor learning / play provision for the school and the proposed canopy will be located within the existing SEN play area. The proposed canopy can be entered either via an existing external access gate located directly off the main school playground or alternatively via an existing doors leading into the SEN classrooms.

The existing circulation space will be retained and utilities to access the meeting room and disabled WC space at the top end of the corridor, with 3 new SEN classroom spaces along the right hand side of the corridor and inset alcove spaces which will provide new One to One spaces.

In between the classrooms there has been space allocated for a SENCO space and a break out space.

Towards the end of the corridor provides access to the new Breakout Spaces, Office, Toilets, Hygiene Room and Sensory Room, with the new Dining space for SEN students being position at the very end of the corridor.

The end section of the existing covered play structure will be blocked up to provide a new storage space.

Existing openings to be blocked up using blockwork inner leaf, cavity and a brickwork skin to the external leaf with the brickwork finish to match existing, overall wall thickness to match existing external wall.

4. Scale

The proposed external canopy structure is to measure approximately 9.3m long x 2.865m deep x 3.5m high at its highest point, which will be placed up against the existing building façade. The overall covered space for the new canopy will be 41.6m².

For the internal alterations, there will be a total of 317m² being included in the proposed works, with an 8m² SENCO space, 81m² classroom space, 20m² of breakout space, a 20m² Meeting room and the new 45m² Dining area.

The remaining areas have been allocated to the circulation, One to One spaces, Toilets and Storage.

5. Landscaping

There is minimal landscaping proposed as part of the application as the proposed canopy is to be installed within the existing SEN play area, only minor making good works as planned to be undertaken as part of the canopy installation.

6. Appearance

The proposed external canopy is to be constructed using Metal SFS supporting posts and supporting framework which will be powder coated Anthracite Grey, RAL colour: 7016. The roof mono pitch roof is to receive a proprietary multi walled polycarbonate roof sheet finish with white glazing bars. New uPVC gutter to be securely fixed back to SFS structure and all rainwater goods are to be black uPVC.

7. Access

Access to the school site is off Old Moat lane, with access into the proposed SEN internal areas and proposed canopy being provided by the existing internal access doors as well as the existing external gate into the SEN playground area.

Access arrangements into and out of the school site are to be retained and will remain as per existing.