Educational needs statement

How we would use the house?

Initial Plan: basic refurbishment, clean up and simple decoration.

- A meeting venue for school staff during the school day e.g. meeting parents or outside agencies and internal meetings e.g. governor events or meetings with other schools.

- A place which could be used for small group work e.g. school led and external speech therapy work which requires a quiet place to work.

- A place for staff to have work meetings and a quiet place for their study.

- A venue for outside agencies to meet parents e.g. Social Services, School Nurse.

- A venue for the Parent Teacher Association (a charity connected to the school who raise money for the school) to store their equipment and offer events e.g. second hand uniform sales or children's book swaps. They may also offer regular teas or parent and baby events in the garden in finer weather.

- A helpful location for school events which take place on our school field e.g. a first aid station for summer fayres or toilet and water access for weekend football events. This will be helpful as we will have access to water and toilet facilities at weekends without having to open the larger school building. We have to have the Site Manager on site for using the school out of school hours for security reasons so having the house available will help a great deal for school lettings.

- There would be scope for lettings within our school letting procedures e.g. room rental or garden rental.

- In time we would like to open a regular parent and baby/ toddler group.

- In time we would like to open a drop in centre for parents and carers with people like the School Nurse, Food Bank or our school pastoral team on hand to offer support to families in real need. The house would be a place for us to collect and hand out food, clothing and advice and support for families in need. Families could discreetly access support without needing to approach the main school.

- The house would also be an ideal venue for supporting families who find accessing education a struggle for various reasons and it will be a friendly half way house, literally, to stepping into school. We'd hope to have a school Family Worker based in the house in time for this vital service.

- The garden would be an excellent addition to our field and we could provide access to children via the field safely for wildlife studies or sensory planting (good for children with special needs).

In summary the house would be a Family Centre but with multiple uses as described above.