DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY PLANNING APPLICATION FOR:

NEW HARD & SOFT PLAY AREA PROVISION
AT
HERONS DALE PRIMARY SCHOOL,
HAWKINS CRESCENT, SHOREHAM BY SEA, WEST SUSSEX, BN43 6TN

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF AN APPLICATION FOR FULL PLANNING PERMISSION FOR A NEW HARD & SOFT PLAY AREAS AT:

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Educational & Justification Statement for the Playground Installation

The school is seeking to extend the current school playground for a number of reasons:

Herons dale Primary school cater for pupils with a wide range of learning needs and associated difficulties including those with significant mobility issues.

The pupils at the school are restricted to external play to periods of fine weather. At present there is little provision for external play during wet and the winter months without playing on the grassed and playing fields at the school, which can prove difficult.

This provision will ensure that the pupils can experience external play all year round.

At present the school has an agreement to use the neighbouring schools (Holmbush Primary School) Hard Play Area (HPA) for a fire muster point. However, this is not an ideal situation as it restricts the opportunity for both schools to use the area, without close liaison. This also ensures that fire drills can implemented at times to suit Herons Dale School pupils, that all eventualities can be covered as far as possible.

Herons Dale Primary school has little to no Hard Play Area at present. There is a rising roll at the school and this will allow all pupils, but in particular pupils confined to wheelchairs and automated wheelchairs and those with additional mobility issues.

OBJECTIVES

The impact of the extension of the playground is very clear:

- The social and emotional & physical needs of the children will be more keenly met.
- Children will have access to space in which to 'burn off' energy. This will not only impact positively on their academic achievement, but also their future health
- To provide "all year round" external use.

PROPOSAL

There are two areas of Hard & Soft play areas proposed;

1. *The first area to the area between the two schools*, this is currently used as play area, but external play is restricted to fair weather. Within this area is located two mature trees, it is proposed that the grassed areas around these trees are to remain as they are at present, with sufficient space not to affect the tress or their roots. The remaining area is split into three sections, with two sections being laid to EPDM, soft play surface. This is to be coloured green to reduce the visual impact of the changes being made. The central and middle section of play area is to be laid to macadam (black). Total area of this HPA is approximately 600m2.

2. *The second area is to be provided following the provision of a new single storey extension, which is under consideration by planners at the present,* this area will be laid to green EPDM to limit the visual impact of its provision. Total area of this HPA is approximately 420m2.

AMOUNT

The total new area of hard surface is 1020m2

LAYOUT

The proposed hardstand & soft play area is to provide new surfaces at the school. The planning drawings clearly show the extent of the new provision

SCALE

The existing climbing apparatus will be located to the same positions and at the same heights, with no additional apparatus being provided.

LANDSCAPING

As shown on the plans.

APPEARANCE

All the new macadam areas will be laid in a traditional colour of Black, however the EPDM areas will be of a differing colour (green) to aid in the location of these items and distinguish between the hard play area and the climbing/activity area. This is also reduce the visual impact of these works.

ACCESS

Access to the first area is to be via the main entrance drive of the school and around the northern part of the school building. However, access to the second area will be via the main entrance drive and around the southern part of the school. This provision is likely to be completed at the same time as the new single storey extension, subject to approved being granted for this.

EXTERNAL LIGHTING

There will be no additional external lighting provided as part of these works.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The construction of this facility will be in accordance with the Construction Design & Management Regulation 1994.

The client, through Abbott Surveyors Ltd, has appointed a CDM Co-ordinator.

Discussions are to be agreed with the client to reduce the risk to all non site operatives and measures will be introduced accordingly, subject to ongoing discussions and review.

DRAINAGE

The existing surface water discharge is via SW drainage located around the perimeter of the building. It is intended that strip drains and a new soakaway will be installed to cater for any additional surface water requirements, with any overflow taken back to the existing SW drainage.

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