



All Saints Infants School - Design and Access Statement

The proposal is to upgrade the playground facilities for All Saints Infants School. We are a Grade II listed building in a Conservation area.

Description of site and existing facilities:-

We have a small climbing frame in place, surrounded by shock absorbing safety ground (picture attached). There are two low brick walls located in the playground (picture attached) and various playground markings. There are also three sheds located at the back of the playground for storage (picture attached), the sheds will remain and not be moved or replaced. The boundary consists of iron railings and gate at the front of the playground and a brick wall to the side of the playground.

Background to the Scheme:-

The current climbing frame can only accommodate a few children at one time and is also old and unattractive. The two low brick walls are crumbling and are becoming a health and safety concern. There is also no shelter in the playground, when the weather is hot the children have no shade. There is also a lack of seating for the children.

The proposal:-

We want to replace the current climbing frame with several items of play equipment (plan attached) to allow more children to have access at one time and to aid with their physical development. The two low walls would be removed and replaced with several free standing musical instrument and toad stall seating. A sheltered area would be introduced to provide shade in the summer. The shock absorbing safety ground would be extended and covered in green astro turf. The existing playground markings would be adapted accordingly. The new design would allow more physically and mentally stimulating activities and more children would have access to the equipment on a prolonged basis. The design has been chosen to maximise the use of the playground and does not impact on any boundary wall or building. The design is age appropriate for the children and will be installed by a reputable company and will adhere to all appropriate safety standards.

Access:-

There will be no impact on access. The boundaries and access points will be untouched and there will be no impact on the existing approaches, transport, kerbs, entrances and exits, escape routes, signage, toilet facilities. Walls or fences. There will also be no impact to neighbouring properties.

Conclusion:-

It is felt that the provision of a new and improved playground would be of enormous benefit to the children at All Saints Infants School both physically and mentally.