

Acorn Assessment Centre Collocated at Brunswick Park

Background: Acorn Assessment Centre was formerly based at Oakleigh School; during the design phase of the Colindale school build it was decided to 'split' the centre so there would be a west of the Borough location at Colindale and an East Borough collocation at Brunswick Park. The following provides the list of requirements for Acorn Centre at Brunswick Park based on the requirements (including capacity and sizes) from Colindale and cross referencing, as appropriate, with the original site assessment from Oakleigh School.

General Information: 20 total places with two groups of five in two (AM/PM) sessions. There is potential to share some of these facilities with the children's centre or health services

Requirements	Approx Area	Additional Information
2 classroom areas (one to include some sensory equip)	enlarged 50sqm classrooms to allow for the provision of distraction free zones and additional PD pupil storage within the respective class bases as well as any future increase in pupil numbers	Typical areas provided within the Building Bulletins would suggest that 50 sqm class base is the appropriate size for up to 6 children - <i>Acorn Feasibility Study July 2009</i> .
Office space	Check Colindale numbers	12sqm from Oakleigh School Site
Space for meeting parents/private consultations	Check Colindale Numbers (Shared Space)	The Oakleigh facility provides access to adult toilets and a tea point.
Soft play area	Check Colindale Numbers	The soft play area is a large stand alone space which has a dedicated ball park area and a permanent hoist (Oakleigh Location) <i>Acorn Feasibility Study July 2009</i>
Storage for wheelchairs and equipment	Larger size rooms accommodate some storage + Colindale 6.2m2 adjoined to both classrooms. (<i>option 4c Colindale with Acorn PDF</i>) Check Final Colindale Numbers	A large amount of storage is required for both mobility aids and play equipment. We would suggest that somewhere around 20sqm should be considered as appropriate. <i>Acorn Feasibility Study July 2009</i>
Disabled Toilet and changing area (with hoists)	En suite for each class at 7 m2 <i>Acorn Feasibility Study July 2009</i>	Adult WC (at Colindale) = 3.3m2? as per <i>option 4c Colindale with Acorn PDF</i>

External play area	Check Final Colindale Numbers	Externally the play area needs to be secure; the Oakleigh School site provided a 1.2m high perimeter fence which was adequate. <i>Acorn Feasibility Study July 2009</i>
Other Considerations		
Entrance		Mainstream nursery entrance preferably through a reception area. <i>Acorn Feasibility Study July 2009</i>
Kitchenette	8.3 m2 (option 4c Colindale with Acorn PDF)	Would this be a requirement?
Visiting Staff	Check against Colindale	A lot of therapists will come to assess the children (2/3 at anyone time). It is therefore suggested to enlarge the staff work room by 6sqm to give them some hot-desking spaces. <i>Acorn Feasibility Study July 2009</i>
Parent Drop Off		DDA compliant parking bays and spaces for minibuses if required
Laundry Room	3.3m2 (option 4c Colindale with Acorn PDF)	There was a laundry facility at Oakleigh as well. Is this a requirement?
Assessments and case conferences	Check against Colindale	These meetings for 10-12 people were held at Oakleigh school within a room 9m2
Hydrotherapy pool	Check against Colindale	Shared at Oakleigh School. Is this a requirement?

Comment [j1]: Could prob share with CC