

Nursery Initial Fit Out Meeting 31.3.10

[section 40(2) – FOIA], [section 40(2) – FOIA], [section 40(2) – FOIA], [section 40(2) – FOIA]

Context: Child initiated place! Free Flow in doors and outdoors, 6 main 'areas' with some smaller areas. Note: Heating requirement given doors to outside are generally left open.

3 – 5 Year Old Classroom

Wet/creative area:

Wet room effect so water disappears away through a gulley
2 adult sinks and 2 children's (3 year old) sinks side by side
wall taps that a hose can be connected too.

Painting area also needs an adult size sink and child sink

Kitchen area:

4 year old size kitchen.

[section 40(2) – FOIA] has a picture of an example but the space should be semi enclosed with a door, half wall, something that looks like trellis

Low level hob - not hot to touch - with an oven, a work surface and cupboards underneath, small fridge, small sink

Cupboard above can be higher for adults.

ICT Area:

Interactive white board with low mounting and 2 pc in child encased units. IT area will house cameras, video recorders, etc. listening area,

Home corner:

All equipment - 'pretend play' – kitchen, stove, Wooden! will need to storage shelves

General/Other Requirements:

All flooring needs to be non-slip, etc. No carpet - mostly rugs. Perhaps one area for block play with a fixed piece of carpet.

Must always bear in mind users and ensure furniture of appropriate height for age group. Most all cupboards, etc need to be open and accessible to children.

Type	Quantity	Note
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Rectangular Tables	12	Not massive tables
Children's Chairs	50	
Adult Chairs	8	Child Height but Adult size seating
Coat pegs furniture	Must have enough for 100 children, 10 section units ideal.	[section 40(2) – FOIA] has a picture of an example. Could be used to make areas. [section 40(2) – FOIA] will look at Community play things.
Low level privacy screen	4	
large unit - 18 cubby holes.	1	For story sacks
Storage for musical instruments - drums, tambourines - smaller instruments.	1	Will bring Piano.
Units for graphic materials	1 Large	Accessible to children. Open shelving unit
Storage for sand and water toys	1	[section 40(2) – FOIA] to do a bit of research on this. May bring over. Again accessible cubby holes.
Sand pit in the room lowered into the floor then would not need sand tray.	1	
15 fixed accessible cupboards with boxes	2	
Drying racks for painting	Multiple	
Bookcases – 4 books high	3	
Small adult sofa	2	
children's sofa	3	
Children's arm chair	2	
Art materials and recycle materials		similar to sand and water, open access. [section 40(2) – FOIA] take pictures and send to us.
Small round table	3	
Easel	2	
Storage units for science equipment	2 at present	Shelves, accessible level. Mirrored for reflection and underneath

		accessible storage
Storage unit for blocks	1	
Fixed wall storage - teachers resources and materials		[section 40(2) – FOIA] has pictures.
Tinder boxes	2	square but in quarters
Indoor drinking fountains	2	
Toilet: shelf for nappies, individual compartments.		
Rail system on ceiling so you could hang a circular curtain for privacy, secret play. Black out curtain - play with torches		

2 to 3 year old nursery

Many of the requirements will be the same as above just on a smaller scale. The following is not an exhaustive list:

- Floor will be the same
- May be a piece of carpet because of nap time
- Water and sand tray
- Book case
- Adult and child sink.
- Same sort of accessible storage but lower
- Coat pegs - similar to above
- 4 adult (as above) and 8 children chairs
- 3 tables with extendable legs
- 12 little beds (the stack up like a camp bed)
- Easel and drying rack.
- Interactive White board
- Home corner furniture but a smaller scale.
- Curtain rail system on ceiling

It would be nice if either side of toilet 'wall' was transparent, perhaps safety glass so they can see through and in the middle will be some sort of gate system so they can't get over but can see/get through.

Children's Centre

Again similar requirements but on an even smaller scale. These room(s) could accommodate a crèche if an adult training session was taking place in the other room or be one large room for a play and stay session. The following is not an exhaustive list:

- High rise home corners. TTS catalog. They are like a tree house inside - space upstairs and place to hide downstairs.
- Water and sand table
- White Board placement will have to be looked at.
- Easel
- 3 tables
- 15 chairs
- 3 adult chairs but child height
- Book case
- Baby divider (community play things - perspect and wooded)
- Breast feeding rocker
- 20 adult stackable chairs for training
- 4 stackable adult tables (fold down)
- Storage unit
- Coat pegs
- Fixed and free standing storage for resources, similar to nursery
- Adult and Child height sink
- Rugs
- May want a bit of fitted carpet in baby area

Other Areas:

Dining Hall Space: Stackable tables and chairs; children height, possible 6 adult low height but adult size seat. Maybe a book case. Don't want too much because it is a multi functional space. Storage for plates, etc.

Audio system in the dining hall???

Non-class room storage: very functional shelving, not wasted space.

CC Storage: toy library completely shelved on one side with large space left at bottom for larger toys.

Offices: 2 desks, cupboards with doors so things can be put and locked away Standard office specification. Need privacy in terms of acoustics as much as possible between the offices but able to have private conversations

Shared interview room needs can't be glass for privacy.

Outside Space:

3 to 5 year olds:

- Tree trunk coming over
- No climbing frame
- Large outdoor stand pit with a roof
- Water provision, trays - pond feature would be nice (waterfall one) at mid height level so they can't fall in.
- Outside tap
- Storage under the hill??? If not will need a fair amount of storage (at present they have 4 big sheds and bike storage) store bikes, scooters, all outdoor equipment.
- Textured Path to ride a bike, cobbled, smooth, other texture but it needs to be flat.
- Outside musical area
- Wish list:
 - Tree house structure - higher than ground level would have to have soft surface there.
 - Can a slide be incorporated into hill - are the hills high enough?
 - Dig pit, mud - in a natural environment with round circular logs that make it an 'area'
 - Cottage - NOT PLASTIC
 - Rope swings somewhere??
 - Cave in the hill - somewhere they can hide????

2-3 year olds:

- Similarly natural but will have a climbing frame (not plastic)
- Water, sand tray
- Easel
- Bikes
- Storage
- Etc

Children's Centre:

- Even less provision but need storage, loose toys, water/sand, etc.
- Distinct space for CC activity – think this has been designed but the drawing we were looking at did not have it.

All Outside:

- Electronic shutter or security mechanism would be ideal at the end of the canopy.
- Sun shades
- Drinking fountains near building

