



DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

FOR

Specialist Classroom Block

AT

Hope Primary School; Lordens Road, Huyton; Knowsley, Merseyside L14 8UD



Introduction:

This planning application is for a proposed standalone building to incorporate specialist teaching spaces and spaces for Students with Special Educational Needs. The space will also include Calm Rooms, a Sensory room and WCs.

The building will be located within the school grounds just North of the main school block. It will be built upon a piece of disused land which previously had been occupied by outdoor planters but has been left unused for some time and has fallen into a state of disrepair.

The main school building is currently running at full capacity, therefore space needs to be created within close proximity to the main school building to allow for specialist teaching, provisions, and space for those with Special educational needs, so to aid them to continue to stay in mainstream education and integrate with the rest of the school.

School Statement:

"At Hope Primary School, we are proud to provide a safe, stimulating and inclusive learning environment where every member of our community is valued and respected.

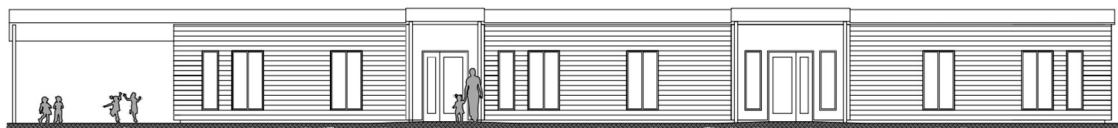
Our broad, balanced, creative curriculum and enrichment activities provide opportunities for everyone to achieve and succeed.

We are a joint faith school where learning is fun and children are nurtured and inspired to Believe, Respect and Achieve through a range of creative and spiritual experiences. Children are encouraged to take risks to become confident, independent learners.

Together we take pride in making a positive contribution to our school and the wider community.

We aim to provide every child with access to a broad and balanced education. This includes the National Curriculum in line with the Special Educational Needs Code of Practice."

- <https://www.hopeprimary.com/>



Design:

The design will incorporate 3 specialist teaching spaces, alongside a sensory space, calm room and WCs suitable for those who will be using the space.

The project will be built off site as a modern modular build, and delivered to site as to create the minimal amount of disruption to the school environment while construction is underway.

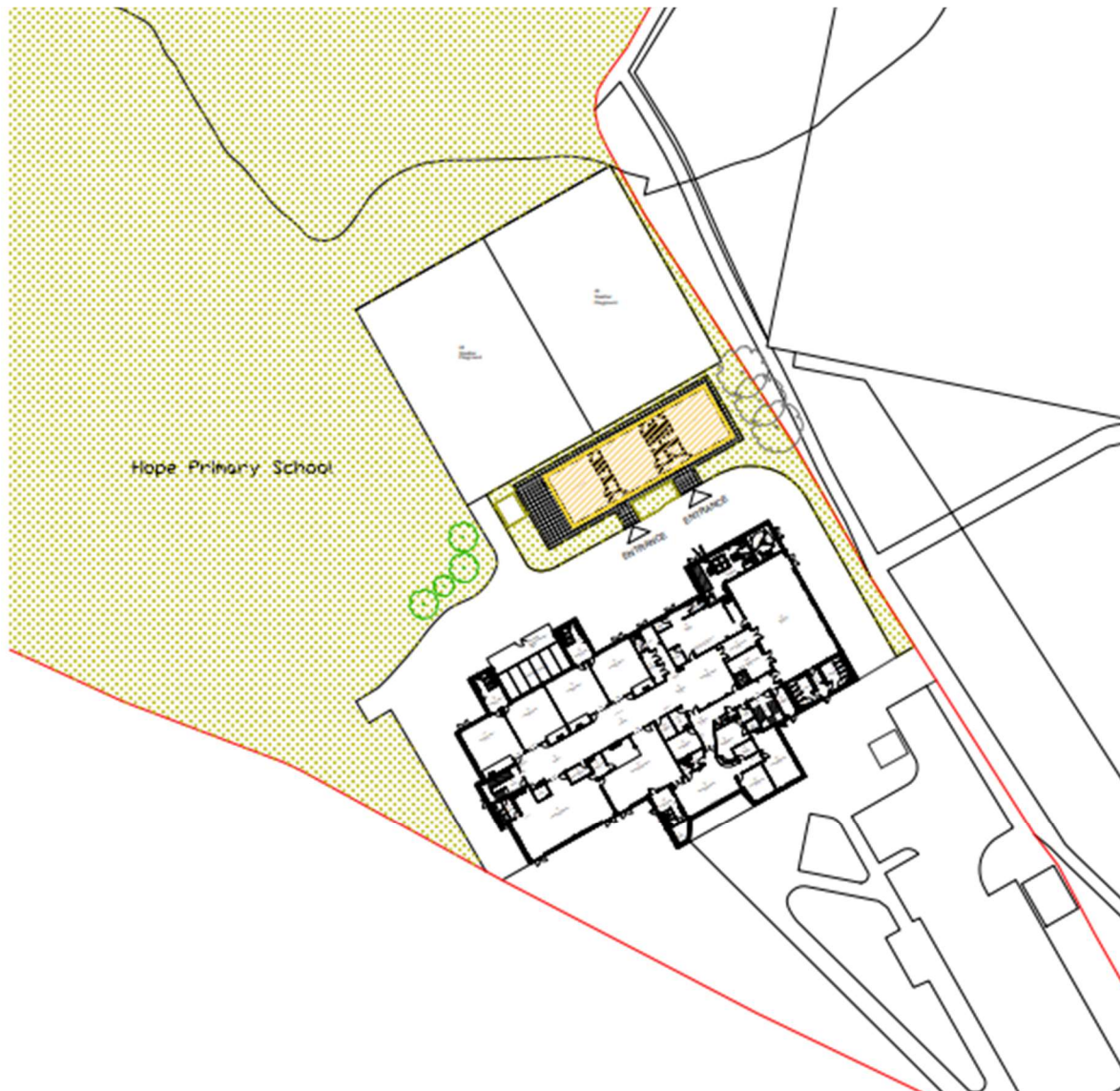
The roof of the building will over sail an area (approx. 5 m to the west) creating a covered and shaded space for outdoor learning and play.

The building will be clad in a mixture of natural cedar timber boards and bright coloured panels to tie in with the current aesthetic of the existing school as well as creating a new visually vibrant space within the school environment.



Example of Cladding and window design courtesy of Moduplan.com

Access:



(Proposed Site Plan indicating location of the proposed classrooms shown in yellow)

This area has been identified by the school as an ideal location as it is within close proximity to the main school building as to not give the feeling of isolation from the rest of the school, but also has the level of separation which may allow students who may have sensory issues using that space to feel safe and calmer being slightly removed from the hustle and bustle of the main building.

The new classrooms will be accessed through the existing school gates, there is already access to the rear main building from this area. It is also situated just off thoroughfare from the main building to the playground, so existing routes will not be affected.

Conclusion

The proposed new classroom block at Hope Primary will enhance students' learning experience and aid their journey in mainstream education. They will accommodate more specialist teaching methods within the school and will in turn allow the school to be more inclusive, providing pupils with spaces for ranges of education where necessary for their needs.