



DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT
FOR
REMEMBRANCE GARDEN
AT
ST MARGARET MARY'S CATHOLIC JUNIOR SCHOOL
PITCH LANE, HUYTON,
LIVERPOOL
L14 0JG



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Introduction:

This planning application is for a proposed remembrance garden in tribute of Olivia Pratt-Korbell, who was a pupil of St Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School. The remembrance garden will be located within the school grounds and has been designed around Olivia's passions for singing, dancing and acting, following consultation between her family, friends and the school.



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School Statement:

'In the summer of 2022 a pupil from our school was shot and killed whilst in her own home. Olivia Pratt-Korbel was only 9 years old and her life was tragically taken from her; her loss will forever be felt in our community.

Olivia's death has had a huge impact on the people that knew her and we are keen to create a permanent memorial for her. Our aim was to create something in school that would be a lasting legacy and will ensure that her short, but important life, will always be remembered.

In deciding how or what we could do to ensure Olivia's memory lived on, we worked closely with our pupils and Olivia's family to agree what this memorial could be. It was clear from all we discussed this with that Olivia's passion was for performance (singing, dancing and acting on stage). We therefore decided upon creating a performance area where children could dance, sing and perform for their friends, family and the community.

School chose the area at the side of school as it is somewhere that not only our children walk past each day, but also their parents (before and after school). The site is perfect for keeping her memory alive.

Rebecca Wilson - Headteacher

Design:

The remembrance garden will consist of a landscaped area enclosed with a bow-top boundary fence, which will incorporate various interactive outdoor amenities, including a four-seat planter bench, perch benches, a chalkboard picnic table, drum seats, musical triad, major pentatonic chimes, storytelling area, sensory tunnel, bespoke rainbow bench and a bespoke canopy both with an incorporated inscription attributed to Olivia within the timber structures.



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This area will provide a dedicated space for pupils to remember Olivia through her passions and allow a space for pupils to perform and showcase their talents through singing, dancing and acting. It will equally provide an area for reflection, through the storytelling area and planter bench, which will be planted with a variety of flowers and shrubs that will provide year-round interest for pupils.

Access:

The proposed remembrance garden will be located within the grounds of St Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School adjacent to the main school building, against the existing boundary fence of residential properties of Adcote Close.



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

This area has been identified by the school as an ideal location due to the daily passing by of both pupils and parents which will allow access into the garden during school opening hours, ensuring to keep the memory of Olivia alive.

Conclusion

The proposed remembrance garden is intended to have a meaningful impact on the local community and the school. It will provide a dedicated space for pupils to remember Olivia whilst providing an active outdoor space that will foster creativity, self-expression and collaboration among pupils.

The remembrance garden will be sympathetic to the surrounding environment and will complement the existing landscaping within the school grounds, whilst serving as a permanent reminder of Olivia Pratt-Korbell, who was a cherished pupil at the school.