

**Danesholme Junior School
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PROJECT: Proposed new IT Suite and Classroom, new main entrance, reception office and staff office.

Supporting Statement:

The project as a whole has come about as a result of consultation with staff, parents and School Council members, discussions with governors and assessment of the current priorities on the Asset Management Plan (AMP) and the School Improvement Plan (SIP).

We have also borne in mind current issues relating to healthy eating, energy consumption and CO2 emissions and most importantly the five outcomes of the Every Child Matters Agenda (ECM); Be Healthy, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Make a Positive Contribution and Achieve Economic Well being.

These discussions brought up a number of problems that would restrict improvement to teaching and learning and raising of standards in the school if they were not addressed. The project aims to meet all these requirements and additionally create a more welcoming healthy and safe environment that is part of the local community.

The school has carried out two smaller projects to secure the school site with a perimeter fence and install a ramp to enable safe routes of access throughout the school site for all. This next phase is a major re-development that will see a benefit to all pupils and staff and the wider community.

The existing main vehicular serves both the infant and junior school and the car parking facilities are often taken by the staff of both schools. Visitor parking has become difficult and it is proposed to create three dedicated spaces, two to visitors and one disabled space.

A new cross-over from highway together with new access gates, similar to the recently installed gates adjacent are envisaged. Pedestrian gates will ensure the safety of the children is kept paramount.

The project will be mainly funded from devolved Capital Funds, Specific Capital Grants (School Travel Plan & School Meals Grant) and previous years revenue, already set aside for this purpose. Additional funding for costs relating to the Hygiene room, a specific need relating to one particular child currently in year 2 at the infant school.

It is proposed to follow the general design of the existing school using a traditional brick built construction with a pitched tiled roof of identical slope. Two trees will need to be removed to enable this extension to be built.

Much thought has been given to the area needed for this expansion and there is no other area suitable for purpose. The internal circulation to access these new office and classroom areas has been kept to a minimum.

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