

BOTTESFORD INFANT SCHOOL

LIBRARY REFURBISHMENT



THE OUTLINE

Bottesford Infant School is based in Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire, and offers places to pupils ages 5-7.

Their library space was at the heart of the school and was a multi-functional area centered around many of the schools activities such as classes, workshops and even governors or staff meetings.

The existing space was dated and dull and did not fit this purpose, particularly with members of staff having to utilise childrens sized tables and chairs to hold their meetings. The children's books were slowly outgrowing the space available in here and staff longed for this to be a bold and inviting environment for them to learn.

THE PLAN

After first meeting with Mrs Busby (head) and other key members of staff it was clear to us that they wanted the library to be a 'wow' space that encouraged the children to learn. It was also key to them that they could properly use the room as a multi-functional space and so elements needed to be modular/moveable to allow this to happen.

As we began to survey the area it became apparent that some new furnishings were not going to brighten the space up - there were a lot of repairs needed on the walls, the electrics needed tidying up, the carpet needed replacing and the whole space needed a fresh coat of paint.



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THE WORKS

Over a schedule of three weeks, we completed the following:

- Rip out of electrics & data
- Sand & fill all walls
- Board up of x2 unused doors
- Paint/decoration works
- Rip out & fit of flooring
- Fitting of furnishings
- Fitting of new blinds





THE RESULT

With a few coats of white paint and new flooring alone the space has transformed into a light, open environment that is not only modern but enjoyable to learn in.

The new colour scheme of furnishings, purple and green, create a fun and exciting space and through the use of multi-functional tables, the room can be re-arranged to suit their day to day uses.

We produced a bespoke feature wall for the children to sit in, this also housed books. We also produced a bespoke seating bench.



THE FEEDBACK

Along with the school councillors, the school officially opened their new library on the 4th July 18 and the feedback was great. They will now be issuing new books along with a dedicated librarian!

“It is so refreshing to work with a head teacher who is looking to create inspiring and modern spaces for the children to use. Their approach allowed us to produce a bespoke design that allowed them to utilise the space effectively.”

Shane Beesley

Director/Project Manager

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