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Westminster & Rossmore Children's Centre

Client : Cheshire County Council

Value: £604,000

On site: July 2005

Programme: 34 weeks

Contractor: Conlon Construction



Project Profile

The creation of the new Children's Centre, Crèche and Day Nursery at Westminster Community Primary School, Ellesmere Port is one of four projects undertaken as part of the first phase of the Government's Sure Start initiative.

The accommodation was achieved through a mixture of new build and adaptation to develop full day care for children between 6 months and four years, with the remodelling of Reception creating the potential for an integrated Foundation Stage. The Crèche and Nursery share a large transitional space which opens directly into the garden, with a combination of hard and soft surfaces and facilities for external play and learning.

'Although modest in size, the design of the garden, deck and building integrates play, view, privacy and security whilst maintaining the possibility of flexibility, expansion and environmental control. This indoor outdoor play sequence is an example of best practice in play spaces.'

'The success of the Centre has been due to the intelligent design of the wonderful green play space: a garden hidden from public view but linked openly and visually to the school playground. A south facing, semi-external decking area links all the Nursery rooms and Crèche, with a translucent corrugated roof sheltering the children whilst playing.'

SureStart Children's Centre, A Post Occupancy Evaluation - CBE