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Victoria, Chester Children's Centre

Client : Cheshire County Council

Value: £465,000

On site: January 2008

Programme: 24 Weeks

Contractor: J&S Seddon Ltd



Project Profile

As part of the second phase of Children's Centre Development by Cheshire County Council, a Mini Model Children's Centre was developed at Victoria Infants School, Chester. It was achieved through a new-build extension to the front of the existing 1960's SCOLA building. To facilitate the development the existing car park and vehicular entrance to the site had to be remodelled, along with a new pedestrian route to the existing nursery, which is accommodated in a separate building.

The main entrance leads directly into a central entrance foyer / circulation zone off which all of the public facilities are accessed. The reception and administration area are located adjacent to the main entrance and overlook the waiting area opposite providing good visual security. The administration area is sited behind the reception and provides space for three staff. The waiting area provides access to toilets, a consultation room and a multi-purpose space. Externally there is a small play area.

As the site is located within central Chester the client employed an archaeologist, who had a watching brief, for the six weeks of ground works. Several interesting artifacts, and evidence of Roman agriculture were discovered, but nothing significant enough to delay the construction.