DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Applicant:-
Tiddlywinks Nursery School, Heywood Town

Site address:-
Aunt Marys Nursery
Taylor Street
Heywood
Rochdale OL10 1EF

General:-
The site has been occupied & operated as a children's nursery (Aunt Marys Nursery) for 27 years and is registered for 54 children inclusive of after school places. It closed it's doors in July 2020 due to, amongst other things, Covid restrictions.
We are working towards an establishment with provision for 65 children; this will continue as previous Aunt Marys' operations, with full time hours of operation, Monday to Friday inclusive, of 07:20 – 18:30
Morning sessions run from 08:00 until 13:30 / afternoon sessions from 13:30 until 18:15

Age range:

- Approx. 9 Babies *[currently 6 babies]* (4 months to 2 years)
- 24 toddlers (aged 2 & 3 years)
- 24 pre-school children *[currently 16 pre-school children]* (aged 3 & 4 years - accessing government 15 and 30 hours entitlement).
- 8 after school children (local school walking distance if siblings attending setting – 'wrap around care')

Staff:-
Additionaly 2 / 3 more staff to attend to the extra places if necessary (it is the intention to employ local people, as previous nursery setting).

Hours of operation:-
Monday to Friday (07:20 -18:30), closed all Saturdays / Sundays & Bank Holidays, and some days over Christmas. This will help ease potential traffic which is also reduced further as most parents locally are within walking distance.
(Any potential alternative sessions would be based on availability, with health & safety incorporating covid restrictions etc)

The Application is not just about extending: we are also very mindful of space; covid bubbles for early years and schools now taking more space and in smaller groups; the age & condition of the existing facility is now not conducive with today's expectations of modern, clean, healthy & spacious conditions for young children's pedagogy and care.

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