Shaw Wood Academy

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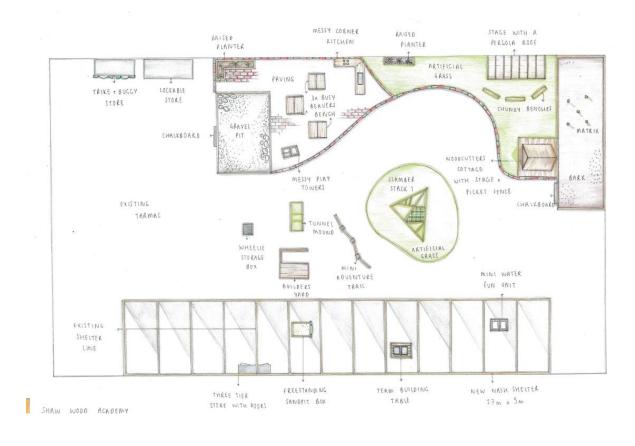
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Reception and Year 1 Playground Development

Dear Parents,

We are really excited to share with you that over the half term holiday our Reception and Year 1 playground is being completely redeveloped. It has been redesigned to enhance our outdoor learning area for our younger children.

This will mean that from the new half term, there will be new areas and structures in the playground which will improve our children's learning opportunities and outdoor play provision. The shelters are being renewed and extended, to enable the children access to outdoor learning whatever the weather. You can see the full design below:



As you can work out from the design, this is a significant financial investment and our 2nd phase in playground developments. Phase 1 was completed over the summer holidays 2023, when the nursery outdoor learning environment was redesigned with brand-new equipment and resources. This has already had a significant impact on our nursery children's play and physical development.

We know how exciting this new playground and outdoor learning area will be for all of our children and ask that you continue to support us by ensuring that your child does not climb on or access the areas when you are picking up and dropping off. This includes older children that you may have in other parts of our school or those enrolled at other schools.

To further support with this, the playground gates will continue to be locked until **8:30a.m.** each morning and **2:55p.m.** each afternoon. This enables the staff to set up the areas before school ready for the children to learn and for the children to be able to access outdoor learning for longer in the afternoon. It also supports health and safety by minimising risk and any potential damage to the new playground.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support, I am sure that your child will love the new area and will be excited to share with you their experiences.

If you have any questions please speak to a member of your child's teaching team or contact the school office on 01302 831307, alternatively you can e-mail admin@shawwood.doncaster.sch.uk

Kind regards,

N J Parker-Watts **Headteacher**