

Case Study

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This is a very diverse school near Edinburgh's city centre where pupils, staff, parents/carers and the wider school community work together to achieve the best possible outcomes for all of their pupils.

The brief was to create an outdoor space specifically for the Nursery Class that would support the *Curriculum for Excellence* in all aspects and encourage outdoor play. Following a site visit and discussions with the teachers and nursery staff it was decided that a purpose built outdoor play zone would be an ideal solution.

Budget £13,500 + VAT split over 2 phases to meet the schools financial restrictions and where possible we utilised existing elements that could be repaired or recycled.

A sketch illustrated the overall vision for the new outdoor resource.

Caledonia Play installed the following:

A timber Low Log Cabin and Throne Planter were the starting elements to be added to with a selection of tyres, stepping logs, timber archways, ramps, balance beams and tunnel systems. A Stage was added later, with a sensory area features were incorporated around the Play House and with a Water Pump and Sand Box.

A selection of planters immediately added colour and life to the outdoor space and will encourage children to grow and nurture plants themselves.

Each component was carefully placed to offer a good flow of play as the children interact with the products.

All the elements were secured to be a permanent feature and all appropriate safety concerns were addressed. In order to address issues of poor drainage that arose after particularly bad weather adjustments were made on site after initial completion.

The surface of the outdoor area was improved with areas of wet pour type safety surfacing repaired or relaid.

Further information:

Care was taken to ensure the safety of all the children and adults throughout the installation and to enable the project to cause as little disturbance to the school day as possible.

Caledonia Play ensure all products meet the required Safety Standards and advise on care of the products to provide a longer life span and greater durability.

