

Proposed Single Storey Modular Nursery Building

**Hamble Community Sports College,
Satchell Lane, Hamble-le-rice, Southampton, SO31 4NE**

Applicant's Statement by The Early Years Nursery Group

Introduction and Reason for development

Since opening back in 2017 we have experienced both growth and increased demand for services.

A combination of our "Good" reputation, growing number of children in the area, and new government funding schemes for the under 3's have contributed to this.

New government funding schemes introduced in September 24 and further expansion in September 25, is only adding to the pressure on places. Hampshire have highlighted that there are insufficient nursery places within the vicinity, something which we are very much aware of locally.

Car Parking

Regarding parking, we pay a monthly fee to the sports centre to use their car park, through staff swim and gym memberships. We pay for 10 permits each month but encourage car sharing, so all 10 are rarely utilised daily. We have around 4/5 staff live within the Hamble and Bursledon areas so either walk or cycle. We do not anticipate a huge increase in staff parking within the sports centre with the increase in numbers, as we have already increased staffing in anticipation.

Parent Travel

From a parent's point of view, we have designated drop off and collection times that differ to The Hamble School day and drop off. This helps reduce congestion and minimize the impact on their own school drop off and collection times as well as parking. Parents have a 10-minute window to drop off and collect their child, which is working brilliantly.

Conclusion

By increasing capacity with the nursery, it enables us to meet this demand and support local working families. This only impacts the local sports centre and school in a positive way, as we bring families together and promoting the community.

Economically, the sports centre benefit from increased income from parking and gym memberships as well as new families being introduced to their services.

We collaborate with The Hamble School and offer staff priority in terms of waiting lists and staff discounts, something that will be strengthened further if we can increase capacity. The school also benefit financially as our lease agreement involves turnover rent, so naturally the better we do the more income they receive.

The new unit is only utilising unused space within our current boundary, with little or no negative impact to the school. We are committed to working alongside them to make the installation as smooth as possible.

The Early Years Group - April 2025