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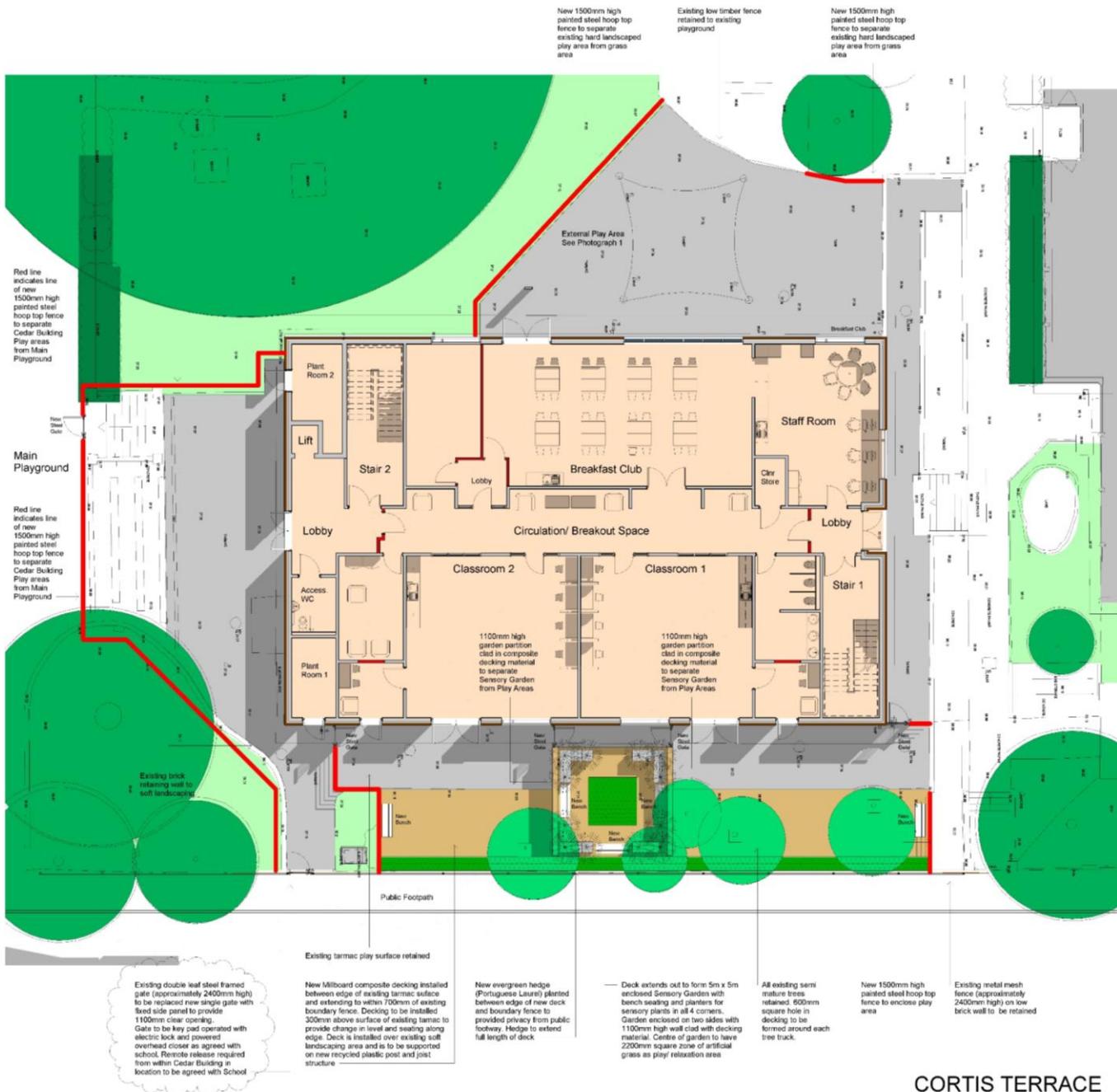


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Millboard enhanced grain composite decking used to form new raised play deck and enclosure to Sensory Garden



Timber bench seating within Sensory Garden and on raised deck to play areas



Modular planters in corners of Sensory Garden to provide space for planting, tactile material and seating



Artificial grass to central area of deck within Sensory Garden



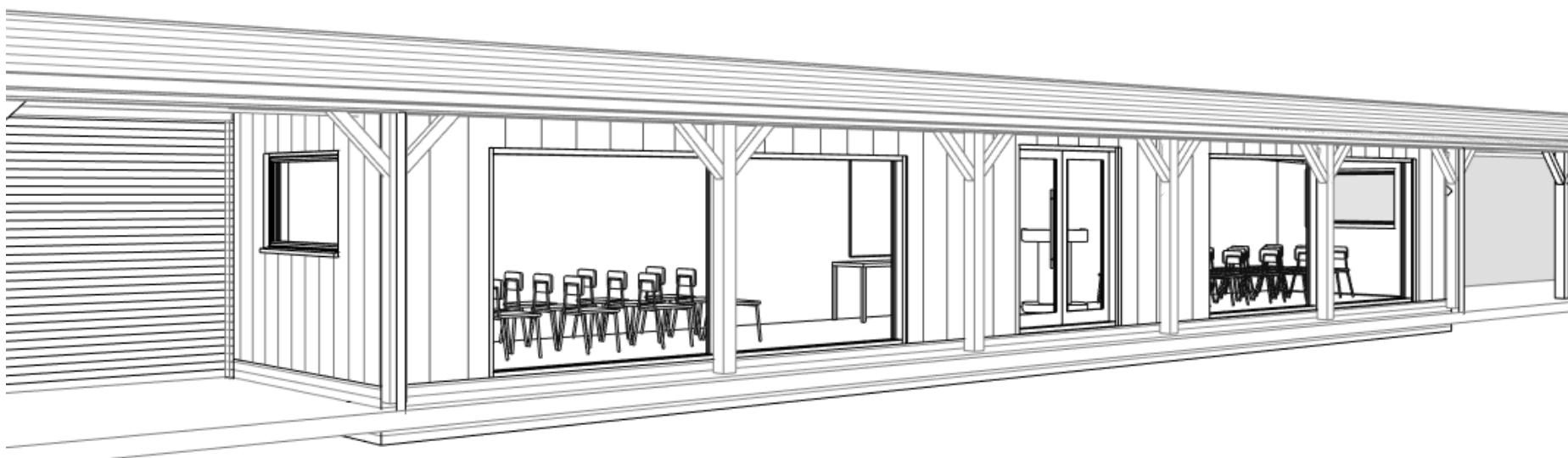
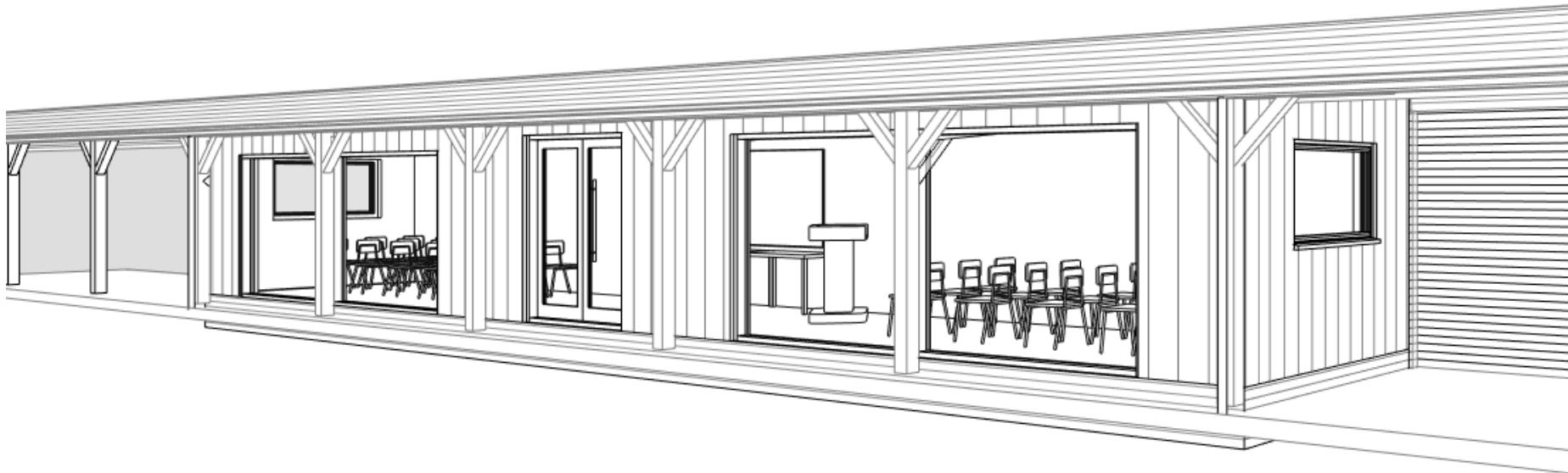
Raised planters within Sensory Garden filled with plants and tactile materials

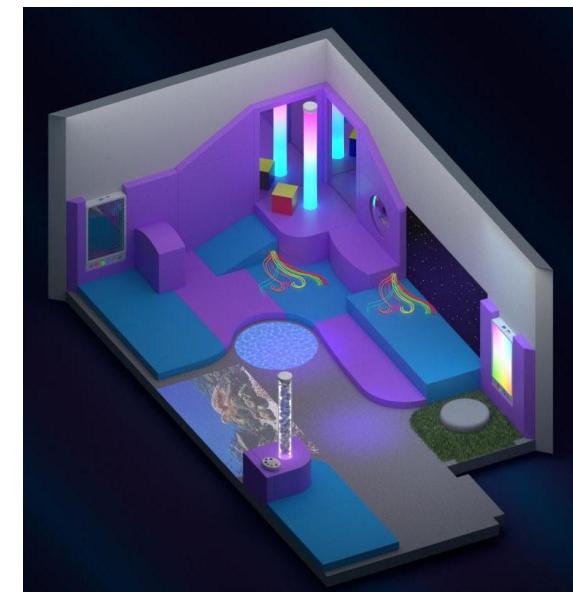


Painted steel hoop top fencing and gates to separate Cedar Building external play areas from other playground and garden areas. Extent of new steel hoop top fencing is indicated by red line on drawing





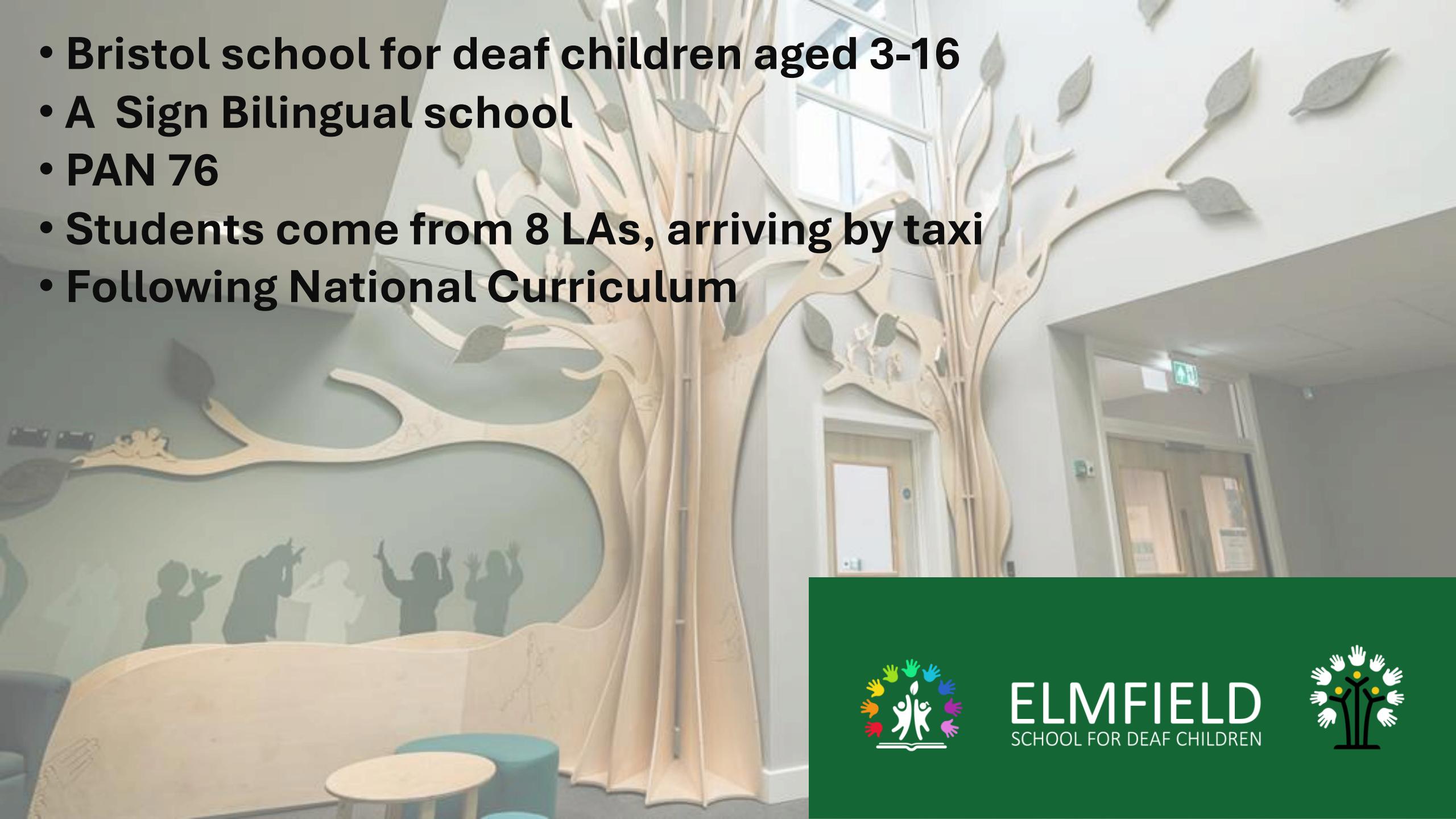






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- Bristol school for deaf children aged 3-16
- A Sign Bilingual school
- PAN 76
- Students come from 8 LAs, arriving by taxi
- Following National Curriculum



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SCHOOL FOR DEAF CHILDREN



What is sign bilingualism?

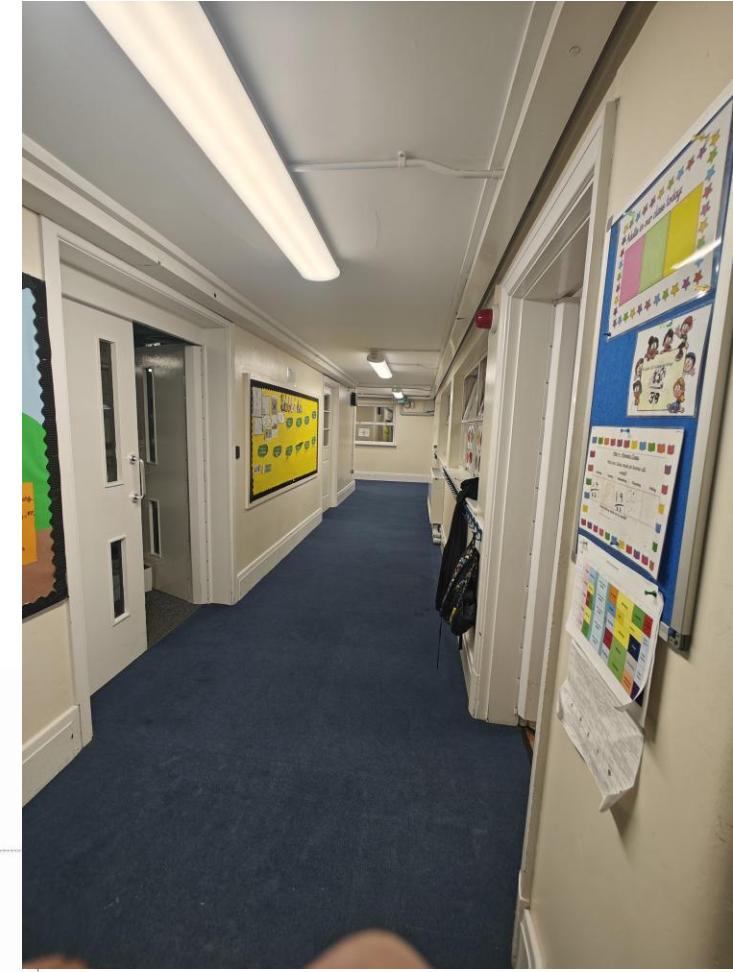


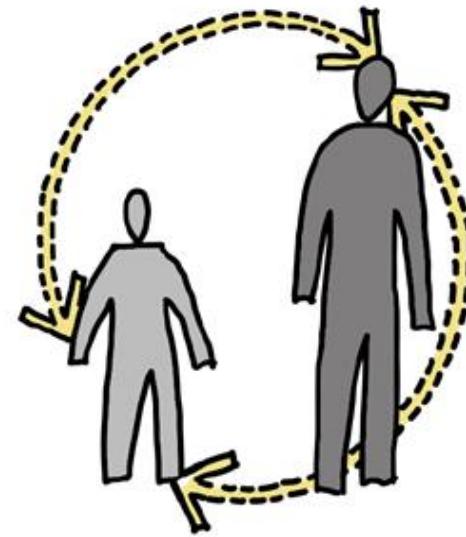
Creating Deaf Space





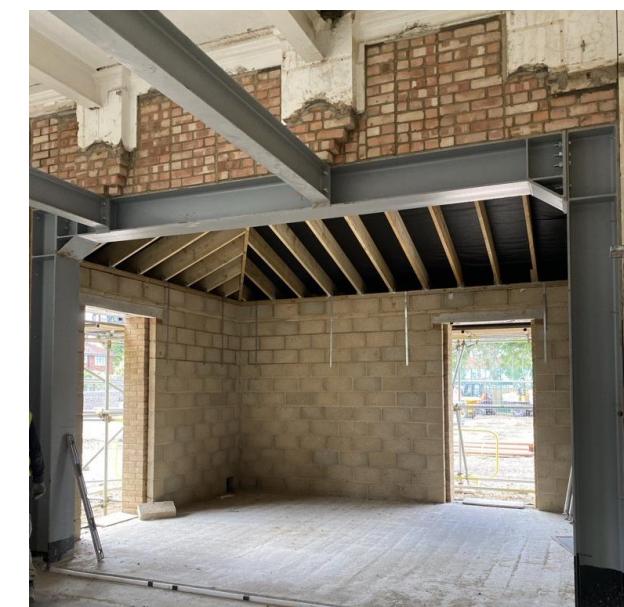
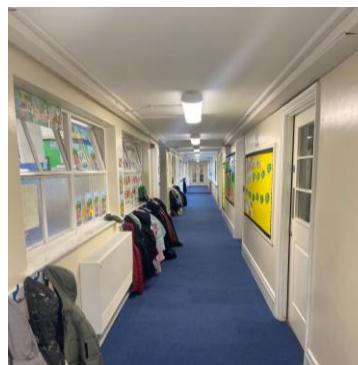
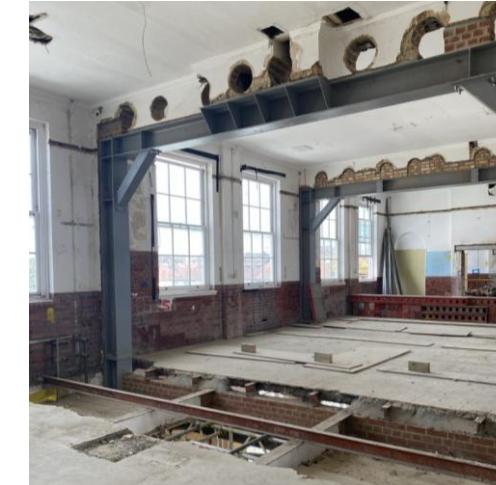
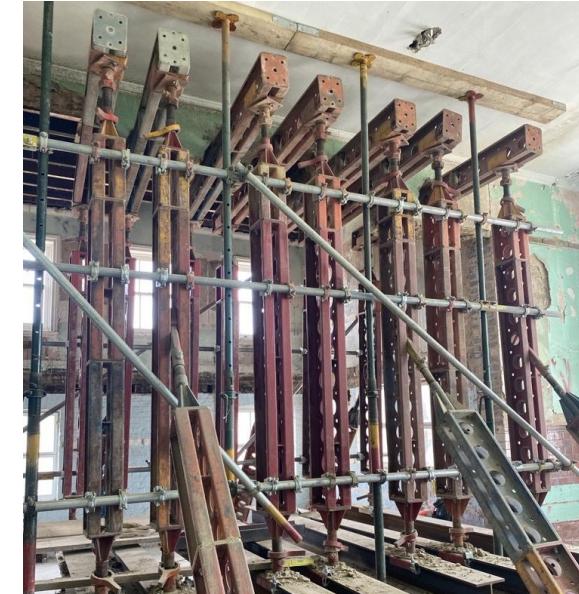
Our new Secondary Opening April 2027





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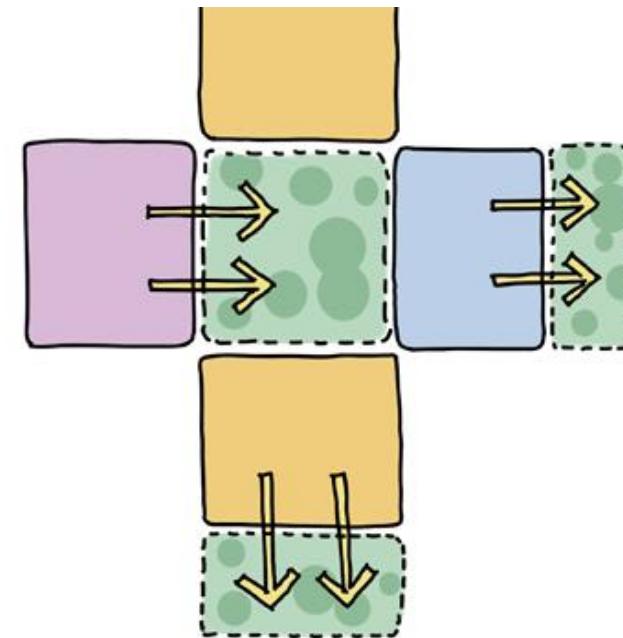
Old Schools Can't Teach New
Tricks





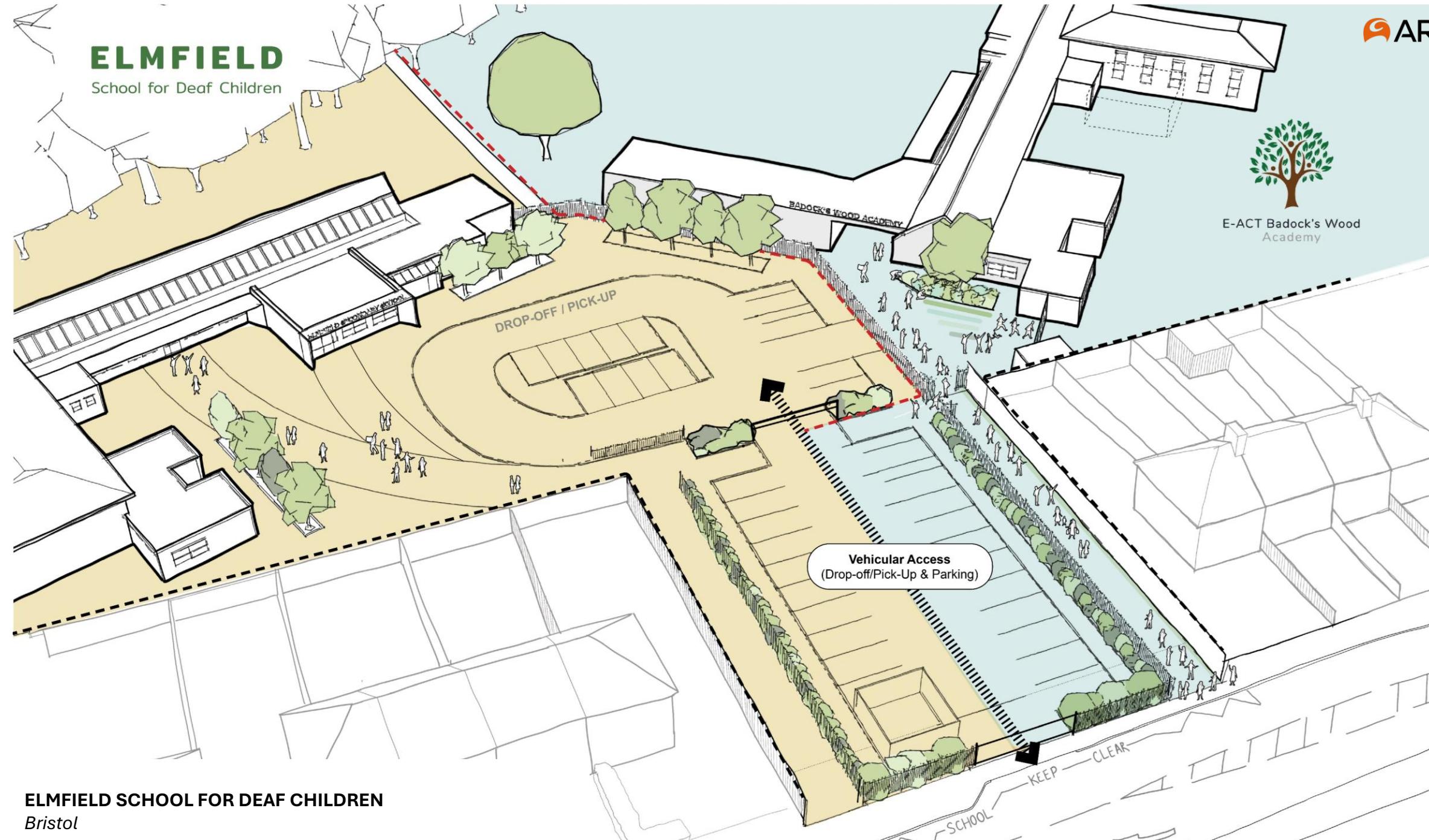
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If It Wasn't Built for SEND,
It Won't Work for SEND



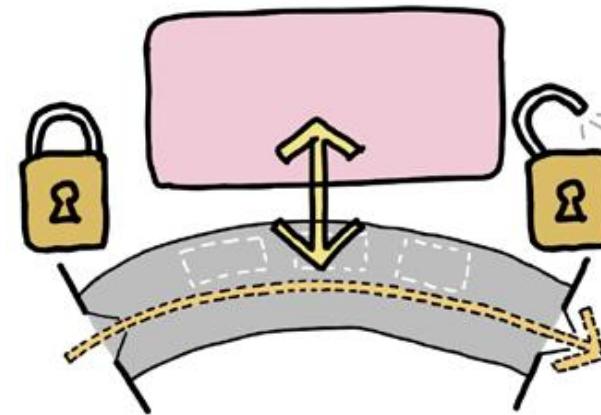
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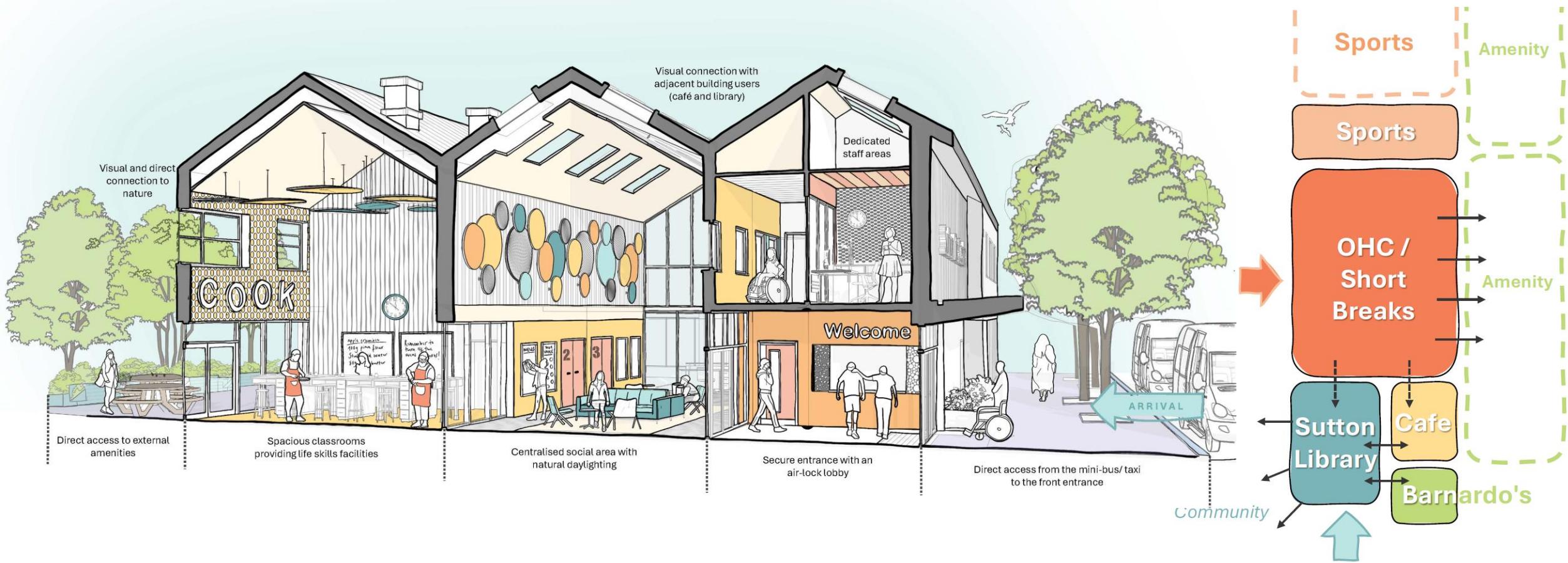
School for Deaf Children



MYTH #3

Safety Means Fences.





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