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### Headteacher Newsletter – 2023-24 - Number SEVEN - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents

We are almost at the end of the Autumn Term, which means that our Year R children have almost completed a third of their first year at Manby Lodge. We have seen huge amounts of progress in our Year R children, and we are really impressed by how they are settling into life at Manby Lodge.



I hope you have enjoyed the Year R and Year 1 Christmas performances this week. It is a big ask for children 4 and 5 years of age to get up on stage and perform. Both performances, I think you will agree have been fantastic. Well done to the Year 1 and Year R staff for all their hard work to make this happen. It is very clear to see the progress that children make, and I was ever so proud of our Year 1 children who I thought performed with confidence and enthusiasm.

I'm very much looking forward to Year 2's Christmas Melody next week!

We are also looking forward to a Christmas Lunch and Christmas Class parties next week, but not before the **FOML Christmas Fair on Sunday (12 – 3pm)**

I know that many parents and family members are signed up to run or help out on a stall and I'm looking forward to spending the day with you all there.

As well as having a good time, we will be raising money for our school.



#### **Raising funds for the Garage Renovation**

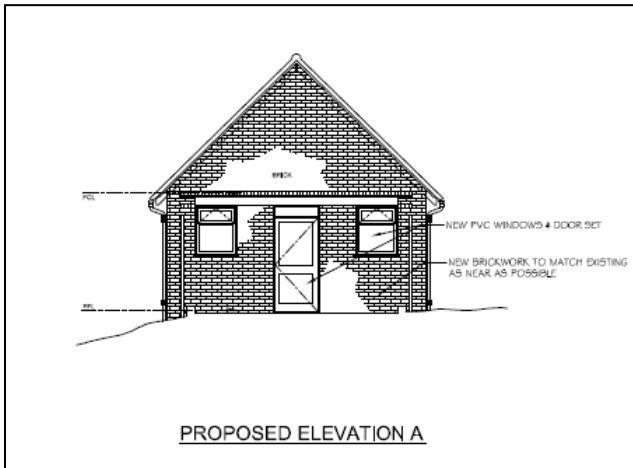
Hopefully most of you will be aware that we are in the process of gathering tenders from builders for the reimbursement of the old garage on site in the school staff carpark. This is following a successful planning application and Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding awarded a couple of years ago.

We will be extending the size of the garage and refurbishing it inside and out. This will include a new roof, and internally adding a toilet and kitchenette. The space will be designed to be used in a variety of ways. We have had a range of requests from various charities and organisations who would like to rent the space on a regular basis. (Cruise bereavement Charity, Citizens Advice Bureau as examples).

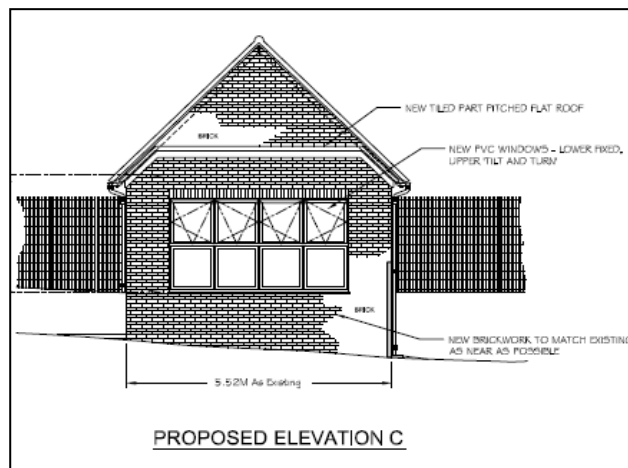
Having additional space on site may also enable us to offer greater capacity for KOOSA Kids Before and After School Wrap around Care, or we could use the space to host additional After School Clubs.



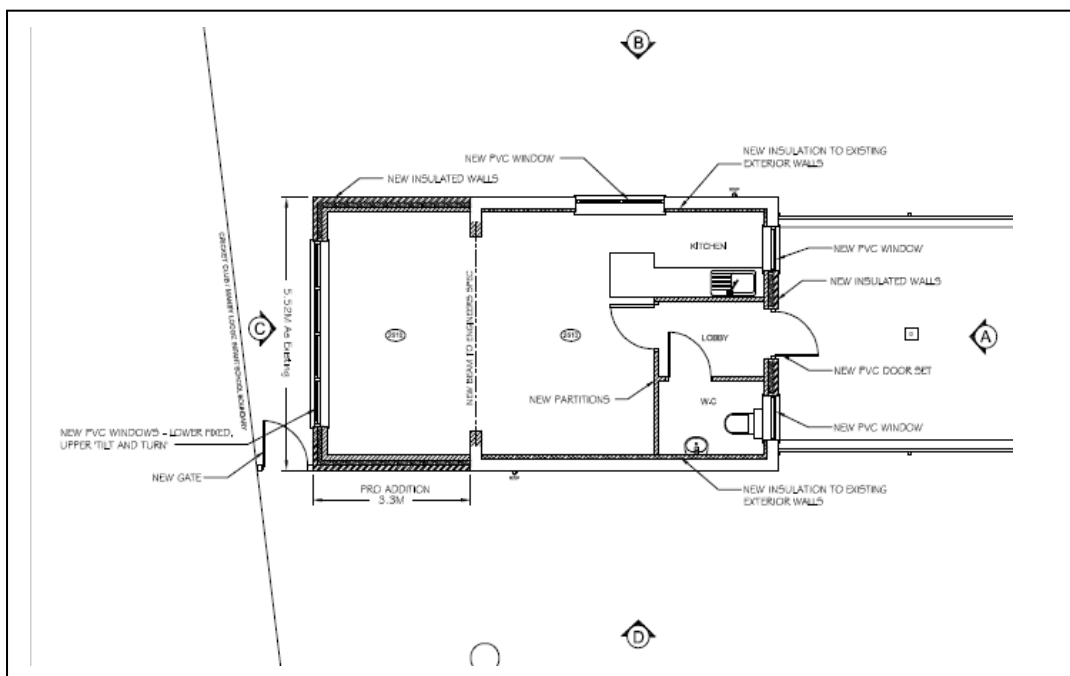
Current condition of garage



Proposed Front View



Proposed Rear View



Proposed Internal Plan

I hope to see you all at the Christmas Fair!

Kind regards,

Miriam Morris