Project:	**St Filumena's Catholic Primary School, Caverswall**
Title:	**Design and Access Statement**
Date:	November 2017

Introduction
This Design and Access statement accompanies a planning application for a proposed hall and kitchen extension on the site of St Filumena's Catholic Primary School, Caverswall, and has been written to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework. Local planning policy was considered and is referred to within the Planning Statement document which also accompanies this application.

Use
The site lies in Caverswall, a small village in Stoke-on-Trent. The proposal includes extending the existing school hall and kitchen – the current hall and kitchen are both significantly undersized according to the area guidelines set out by the Department for Education.

Amount
The proposals are for a single storey extension to provide 91.sqm of additional floor space to the hall and kitchen as required by the school. Also, external access to the hall would be required for pre school activities and clubs. To achieve the external access a new graded pathway would be required with a retaining wall to address the change of level to the field. Details of the extension and access arrangements are shown on drawing no. 3004-14-05

Layout
The proposed plans do not have an impact on the general layout or arrangement of the existing school. The Kitchen and Hall extensions are merely extensions of the existing spaces. The new Hall Store is located adjacent to the new Hall extension.

Access
Access routes towards the school grounds will not be affected by proposed plans. External access to the hall would be required for pre school activities and clubs. To achieve the external access a new graded pathway would be required with a retaining wall to address the change of level to the field.

Appearance
The proposed extension is designed to match the aesthetic of recent extensions carried out at the school. There is little merit in abstaining from this design philosophy and it would not be appropriate to try to match the historic appearance of the original school house. New hoop top fencing atop the retaining wall will be finished in black to match the existing.