Project:	**St Edwards Academy**
Title:	**Design and Access Statement**
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Introduction

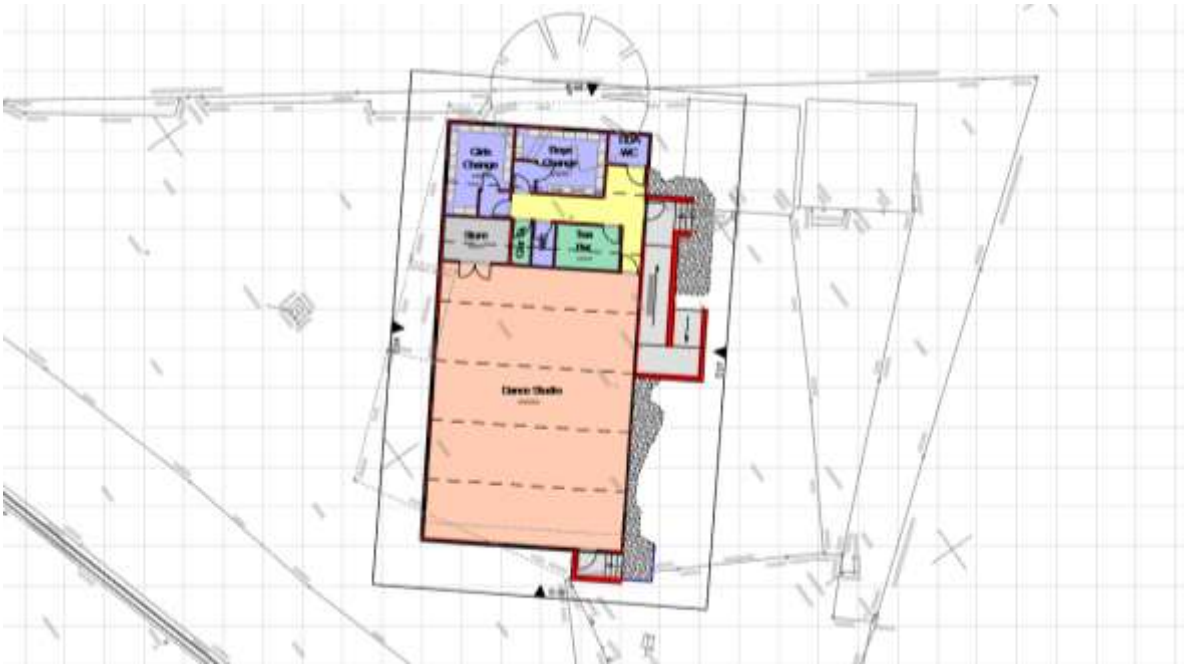
This Design and Access statement accompanies a planning application for a proposed entrance and office extension on the site at St. Edwards Academy in Leek and has been written to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework. Local planning policy has been considered.

Context

The school site is located south of Westwood First School with road frontages to the North onto Westwood Road and residential property to the south and west of the school grounds. A bowling club is also located to the south west of the site. The area is generally single storey and two storey residential property, with the exception of Westwood First School to the north. There is no defined aesthetic for the area. The school is a mixture of single-storey and two-storey flat and pitched roofs at different height to break the scale.

Layout

The proposed dance studio is to be located to the rear of the school grounds, behind the main building and along the site boundary. The proposed development is to be built on an existing paved area; the works are to have no affect on the biodiversity of the site



Amount

The proposal comprises of a single storey, modular dance studio which is to be detached from the main school building. The proposed development is to include boys and girls changing rooms, disabled WC, tea bar, storage and the main dance studio space. The total floor space is 210m^2.

Scale

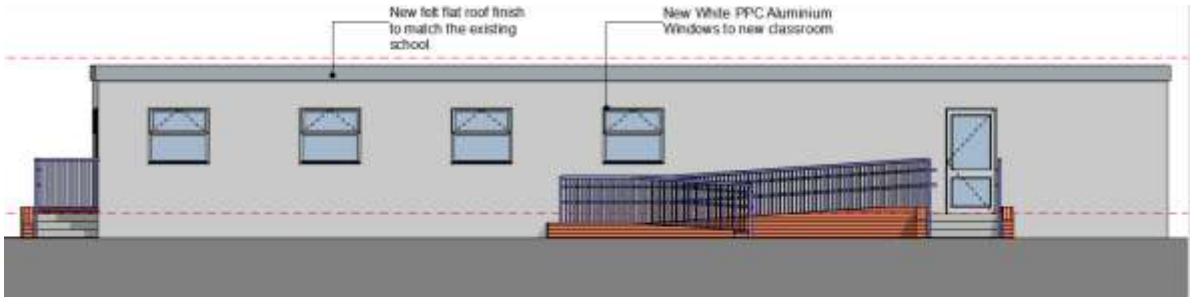
The School is generally low scale. This is partly helped with the building that is fragmented with a mixture of flat and pitched roofs, and the surrounding two-storey residential property.

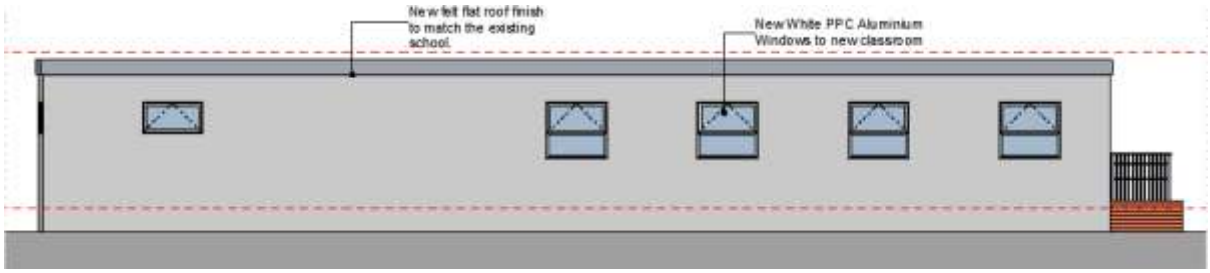
Landscaping

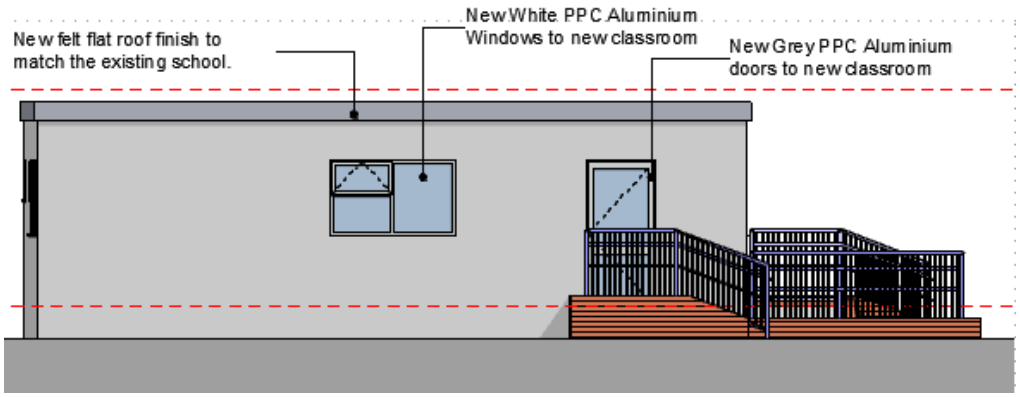
The bio-diversity of the site will not be affected, the new modular building to be built on an existing paved area.

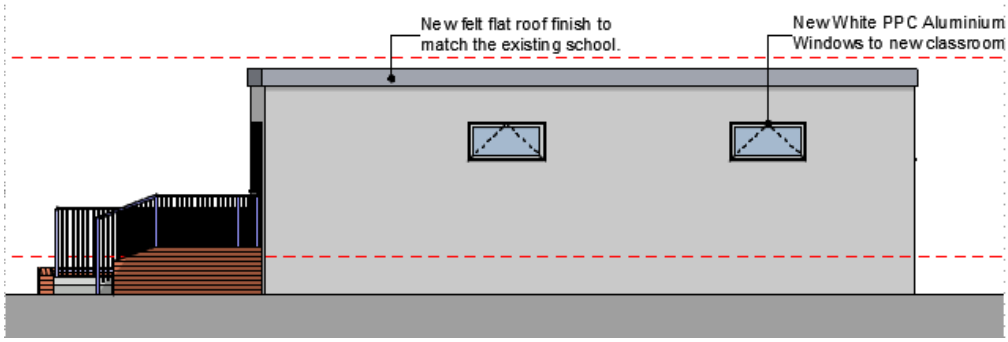
Appearance

The proposed works are relatively modest, there is no architectural merit in changing the aesthetic nor attempting to make a significant statement from a relatively modest modular building. External walls are to be finished with plastic coated steel boded external wall boarding.









Access

Access will be unaffected on site. The new dance studio is to be separated from the main school building.