

## Gordon Infant School Ilford, Redbridge, London

We were appointed by a contractor client as landscape architects on this 0.53ha school site. Our scope was to provide information to satisfy landscape related Conditions, provide a full package of landscape architect's tender and construction information and to monitor the on site works.

The main contractor was appointed to refurbish the existing school building, provide an extension to the existing school and to improve the existing external works, ensuring they tied into the newly extended school building.

The site is approximately flat with a number of mature trees to the east and west boundaries and a group of young trees grouped around the main building's entrance.

In order that the school could remain open while the building works were being carried out it was necessary for the contractor to occupy the playground to the east of the site. In order that this could happen it was necessary that the car parking at the west of the site be given over to a temporary play ground. We were responsible for providing phased drawings to enable this to happen.

The play area for the youngest members of the school was too small for the number of children it needed to accommodate. We therefore needed to develop a strategy to enable the existing play area to be extended into the zone which accommodated the existing stand of trees. We specified a no dig solution with a surface finish of coloured rubber bound chippings to ensure the existing trees continued to thrive.



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