

## Highlights

20 Volunteers from Axis and Estuary Housing Association transformed Centre Place Nursery in Southend-on-Sea redecorating and adding new play stations for the 90 children who attend here every week.

The nursery is situated in the fifth most deprived estate in the country, looking after 90 EAL and special needs children, five days a week, 51 weeks of the year and serving the surrounding areas of (amongst others) Essex, Rochford and Leigh.

During the week, volunteers redecorated the two main nursery rooms: one is a baby unit (0-2 years), the other for slightly older children (2-5 years). They chose fresh white paint as the main colour with Estuary colours (purple and blue) to create a more calming environment for the children. The nursery had not seen a fresh coat of paint since its last redecoration in 2009.

In addition to the internal works, the volunteers also built a new planter in the garden so children can grow their own plants and vegetables, and painted a big blackboard on the exterior wall for them to draw and write on.

## **Specifications**

- Internal Painting and Decorating
- Exterior Play areas

week duration





This increase in the number of play stations for the children forms part of the nursery's 'in the moment' planning approach to give children responsible choices in achieving a balance between structure and play. Play here is messy and sensory with a lot of construction play and small world play, based on things the children see outside, as well as sand and water play, bike riding and a mud kitchen.

## **Client Testimonial:**

Axis have been just brilliant with the children and staff, signifying a growing relationship between our organisations.

Deanna Gardner Estuary's Nursery Manager

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