

Some ideas, thoughts, questions and some responses from the Parents evening on the plan for the Atrium Plan November 2018

Is it the idea that in this space children will hang their coats? Currently there is big influx of coats and people into a small space.

Crossing on the stairs going up and down is an issue when arriving/collecting.

Children who are already here - there is a feeling that you are invading their space when you are arriving.

Great place to grow tomatoes, fig trees etc

Could the flow come out towards the garage and children go into the building through the back doors – or the side door? This would change the flow and decrease decongestion.

Signing in book should be moved into the atrium.

Sofas could be in there, wood burning stove.

Is the plan for it to be mostly free – more space than objects?

You could put low bench all along the wall – a place to take off wellies – a settle, settle bench.

How would the space be used in between drop off and collection. High traffic times and then quieter times during the day?

It can be quite manic when you drop off.

Have you thought about dividing it so that you have a division in glass so that transitional space is smaller and the remaining space is used?

The photographs could be moved, this would help – it would give more time to look at things. A lot of creative stuff could go on about what the children have been doing – a place to put things that the children have done - displays.

Keep the current outside window into clock area and taking the frosting out of the window – it would bring more light in to the Clock area

What will the lighting be – glass roof will have blinds – lighting would be hanging

I really like the idea and would be very happy - stick up pictures they have done in there – make photos out there give us something to talk about.

Might there be an opportunity to incorporate some Bristol glass to make it feel Bristolian?

What's the timing and how are we going to get in while this is going on? Time frame = sketch design then planning application - 8 weeks – then technical drawings – so at least 6 months before it starts.

What are we losing? That space is used for bikes at the moment – What about the bike riding?

Would not rule out the use of the space for bikes but it would make it smaller.

Everything that happens in the current hall would happen in the new atrium and that is good.

Will the doors that are in the vestibule stay? - yes

The atrium will be heated.

Red doors will be re located to the new entrance they will be closed at 'drop off' and 'collection time' – should they remain open at these times as usual?

Arrival times can be difficult and feel squashed with too many coats and parents at present.

There is a current issue during drop off and collection with crossing on the stairs.

Would be good to have more space especially during collection.

There can often be disappointment about who's parent has arrived, the sound of the doorbell is important for some children but can be disruptive for others, anticipation of who is coming, is it their parent. Could this be contained to the Atrium to avoid this anxiety?

Flow of children during drop off, could they come in and transition through to the garden instead of having to come into the existing front door to help with drop off's, could help anxious children. Could they come through the garden?

We could extend the roof of the atrium to cover the outside at the back slightly

It could provide a space to talk to staff, a different space.

Whatever you do you want to avoid the traffic of people.

Could you partition the space using glazing, giving it a reception space and a flowing space – all seeing space.

We need to think about deliveries, visits, parcels, fish tank cleaning and if children use that space it currently it can become more difficult.

The fish tank is really important, where would that be?

Could the fish tank move into the area?

Would there be an expectation for parents not to come into The Red House? It would feel less homely, would it be too clinical, we like the chaotic nature.

We absolutely will not lose this important quality of The Red House.

Would be good to have a happy medium. Would love experience photos to be out there allowing more time to look at them. It would offer more time to explore projects and themes.

Does it break down the phases of any anxieties children have when arriving by providing extra space to transition through?

Space for a cup of tea at drop off?

What was the original idea for this space, was it for overflow or transitions?

It might make you feel more comfortable and enable you to stay longer and understand more of what has happened that day.

Would offer a distraction before drop off which might help drop off time.

Could have changing hanging art, hot air balloons, stars, changing regularly.

Adding a bit of theatre to the drop off and collections.

Could the 'Theatre' include sound?

Slits in the wall of red and clock area to see into the spaces, could see what children are doing as you arrive.

Would there be lights in the ceiling.

Would need to be homely lights to avoid it looking clinical.

Where will the bell be, this is really important and a ritual during drop off – Yes.