

“There is an increased need for childcare in our very rural area. Offering longer operating hours enables local families to work more and travel less which, in turn, helps them remain in the local villages.”

Kate Smith
Pre-school manager

Esklets Preschool

Project:

Nursery sleep room and office

Subject:

Facilities and building improvements

Location:

Danby, North Yorkshire

Overview:

Esklets is a small preschool that serves families from Danby, Castleton, Lealholm, Commondale, Moorsholm and surrounding areas.

A grant of £5,000 was given to the preschool, which previously operated from a single classroom, to assist in the extension of its facility in order to increase its opening hours to meet the needs of local people.

The grant funded the conversion of an unused shed into a fully working office and sleep room, along with a corridor connecting it to the main classroom. This has been successful in serving as an office area for staff, a quiet rest area for children to sleep in and a facility for private conversations with families. The facility has also enabled better facilities for children with additional needs who need to sleep during the day as well as younger toddlers.

