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SUMMARY

DAT Archaeological Services in response to a request from Mr Richard Bowen of Asbri Planning were commissioned to undertake an archaeological scheme of historic building recording works at Five Roads School, Llanelli (PRN 16298) centred on NGR SN 48844 05597. The requirement for a scheme to record the building prior to its renovation/demolition has been placed upon the development by Carmarthenshire County Council (Local Planning Authority) following advice from their archaeological advisors, Dyfed Archaeological Trust-Development Management.

The archaeological advisor to the LPA stated a Level 1 record was required, as defined in Understanding Historic Buildings: a guide to best recording practice (Historic England 2016). This level of record is essentially a basic visual record, with annotated floor plans, supplemented by information needed to identify the building's location, age and type.

The building is not a scheduled monument nor is it a Listed Building but is recorded on the Dyfed Archaeological Trust Historic Environment Record (HER) under the record number (PRN 16298). It is not recorded on the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales National Monuments Record.

During the time of the photographic survey the school was still in use, and many of the doors and windows were hidden from view by posters and banners, nevertheless, the Level 1 survey of the building has produced an appropriate record of the structure; the results of which are presented within this report.

INTRODUCTION

Project Background

DAT Archaeological Services in response to a request from Mr Richard Bowen of Asbri Planning were commissioned to undertake an archaeological scheme of historic building recording works at the property known as Five Roads CP School, (PRN 16298), in the village of Five Roads, Carmarthenshire (SN48844 05597). The requirement for a scheme to record the building prior to its renovation has been placed upon the development by Carmarthen County Council (Local Planning Authority) following advice from their archaeological advisors, Dyfed Archaeological Trust – Development Management (DAT-DM).

Condition 6 on the planning decision notice (Planning reference A150325) states:

Development shall not begin until an appropriate photographic survey of the existing buildings(s) has been carried out in accordance with guidelines provided by the Local Planning Authority's archaeological advisors – Dyfed Archaeological Trust- Heritage Management. The resulting photographs shall be approved by the planning authority prior to the commencement of development and deposited with the regional Historic Environment Record, held and maintained by the Dyfed Archaeological Trust, the Shire Hall, Carmarthen Street, Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire, SA19 6AF.

A discussion with the archaeological advisor to the LPA revealed that in this instance it was a Level 1 record that was required, as defined in Understanding Historic Buildings: a guide to best recording practice (Historic England 2016). This level of record is essentially a basic visual record, with annotated floor plans, supplemented by information needed to identify the building's location, age and type.

A written scheme of investigation was prepared by DAT Archaeological Services which outlined the methodology by which the historic building works would be undertaken, which was approved by DAT-DM.

The historic building recording has been undertaken in accordance with the *Standard and Guidance for Archaeological investigation and recording of Standing Buildings and Structures* (Chartered Institute for Archaeologists (CIfA), 1996, revised 2001 & 2008).

Site Location

The building is located at Heol Hen, in the village of Five Roads, Carmarthenshire, which lies 5.6km north of Llanelli. The school is approximately 200m NW of the village centre (SN 48844 05597, Figure 1). A tarmac playing area surrounds the school with a grassed area to the south. The former school kitchen is situated 10m to the north of the school. The land gradually slopes down towards the NE.

Scope of the Project

The Building Recording was designed to record the existing fabric of the main three structures (at the time of the survey) through a combination of a photographic survey of the interiors, along with site notes, drawings and historic research.

Report Outline

This report describes the location of the site, it's known archaeological and historical background and photographs of the site. Sources are referenced within the text or as footnotes.

Abbreviations

Regional Historic Environment Record – HER; Primary Record Number – PRN; National Grid Reference – NGR; Written Scheme of Investigation - WSI.

Illustrations

Record photographs are included throughout the text. Printed map extracts are not necessarily reproduced to their original scale and are illustrative only.

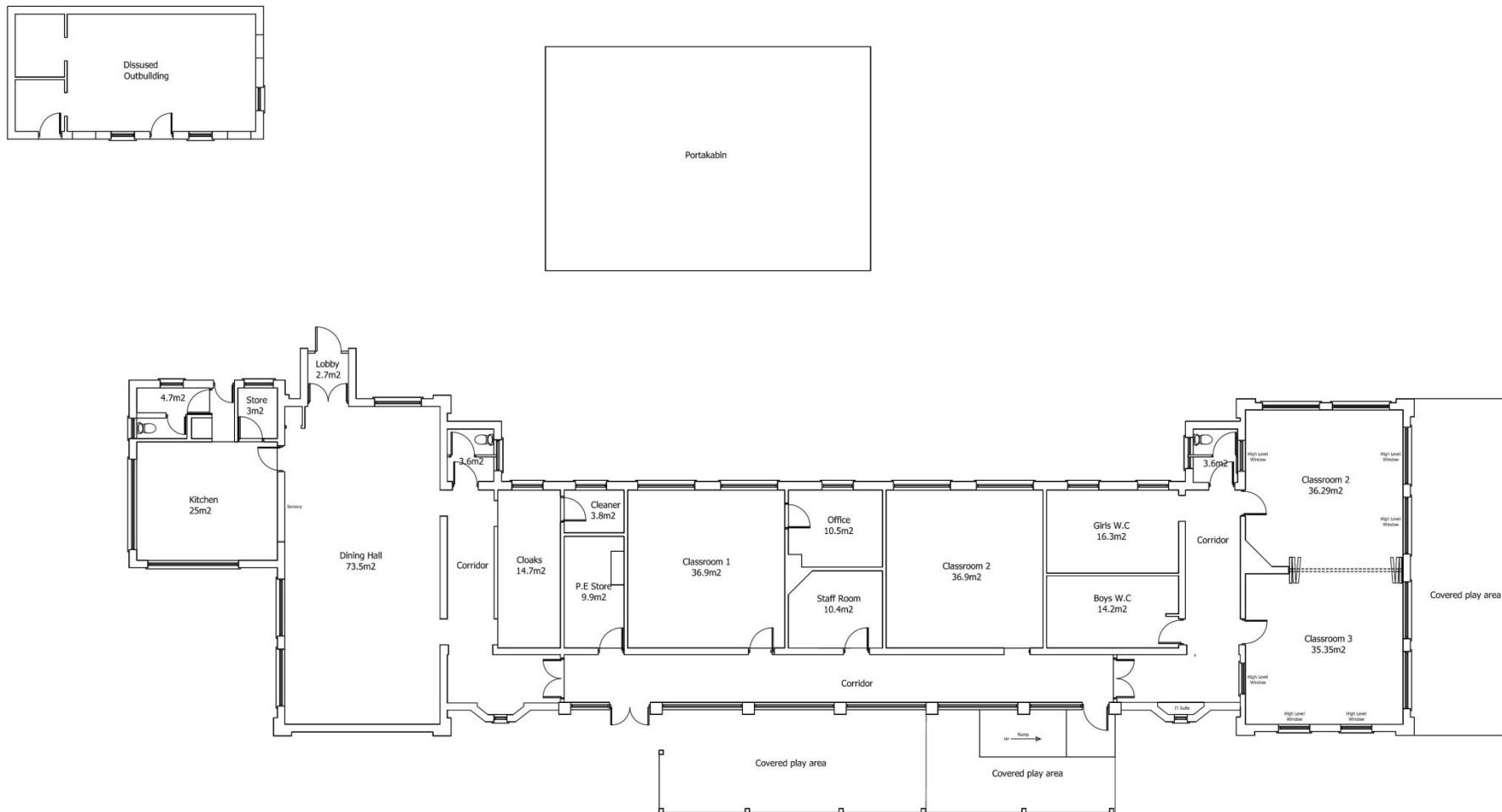


Figure 1: Map extract showing the location of Five Roads School (red square).

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Figure 2: Location of Five Roads school within Five Roads/Pum Heol village



FLOOR PLAN

Figure 3: Existing floor plan of Five Roads School (Plan supplied by client).

METHODOLOGY

The historic building recording scheme has been undertaken to a Level 1 standard as defined in the English Heritage '*Understanding Historic Buildings: A Guide to Good Recording Practice*' (2006). This level of recording is described thus:

Level 1 is essentially a basic visual record, supplemented by the minimum of information needed to identify the building's location, age and type. This is the simplest record, not normally an end in itself but contributing to a wider aim. Typically it will be undertaken when the objective is to gather basic information about a large number of buildings – for statistical sampling, for area assessments or historic landscape characterisation, for a pilot project, to identify buildings for planning purposes, or whenever resources are limited and much ground has to be covered in a short time. It may also serve to identify buildings requiring more detailed attention at a later date.

Level 1 surveys will generally be of exteriors only, although they may include superficial interior inspection for significant features. Only if circumstances and objectives allow will any drawings be produced, and these are likely to take the form of sketches.

To supplement the on-site survey a review of information held at the DAT HER and local studies library will be undertaken. The on-site survey will then complete the relevant tasks outlined below, where possible, to ensure that the record is completed to the Level 1 guidelines, building on the known information. Only photos taken during this survey will be included within the site archive and report.

Based on the Level 1 record as defined in the English Heritage guidelines (2006) the following will be undertaken:

Written Record

- The building's precise location, as a National Grid reference and in address form.
- A note of any statutory designation (listing, scheduling or conservation area). Non-statutory designations (historic parks and gardens registers, local lists etc) may be added.
- The date of the record, the name(s) of the recorder(s) and, if an archive has been created, its location.

Drawn Record

- Sketched plan, section, elevation or detail drawings (if a more thorough drawn record is not made). Sketches may be roughly dimensioned.

Photographic Record

- A general view or views of the building (in its wider setting or landscape).
- The building's external appearance. Typically a series of oblique views will show all external elevations of the building, and give an overall impression of its size and shape.
- The overall appearance of the principal rooms and circulation areas.

RESULTS

Location

Five Roads School is a small County Primary School located in the village of Five Roads, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire centred at NGR SN48844 05597 (Figures 1 & 2).

Address: Five Roads County Primary School, Heol Hen, Five Roads Llanelli, Carmarthenshire SA15 5EZ.

At the time of the survey the school was still in use and many of the doors and windows obscured by banners and posters. The survey was undertaken during the school holidays on the 5th of January 2018 by Hubert Wilson of DAT Archaeological Services.

The original building is a squat 'H' in plan (Figure 3). It is brick brick with a slate roof. It was completed in 1927 and is first shown on the 1953 1:10560 Ordnance Survey map (Figure 4).

The school is aligned SW – NE. The central section of the building measures approximately 29m by 7m and comprises a series of rooms and classrooms. A wing is attached at either end, each one measuring approximately 14m by 7m.

At the north side of the building steps lead down to a basement within which the boiler is kept.

The school has two chimneys and a steel flue. The fireplaces associated with the flue and the chimney at the south end of the school were recorded, but the fireplace associated with the chimney at the north end of the school was not accessible.

All the windows in the original south wall are probably authentic. The windows on all the other facades have been double-glazed.

The flooring throughout the original building is parquet. The ceilings throughout the original building are timber-clad with possibly tongue and groove.

The school building has seen a number of modifications since it was built. These are:

On the south side of the school a flat-roof, covered corridor, joining the east and west wings, has been added in front of the original south wall.

Two small, flat-roofed extensions have been added at the north side of the school where the east and west wings join the long axis of the building.

A flat-roofed extension joins the west side of the west wing.

At the north side of the west wing a flat-roofed extension has been added.

Statutory designation:

There are no statutory designations.

Non-statutory designation:

The school is recorded on the DAT Historic Environment Record (HER) under the record number (PRN 16298) under the name Horeb school but gives no further description. It is not recorded on the Royal Commission on Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales National Monuments Record.



Figure 4: Extract of the 1953 1:10560 Ordnance Survey map of showing the school that was built in 1927.

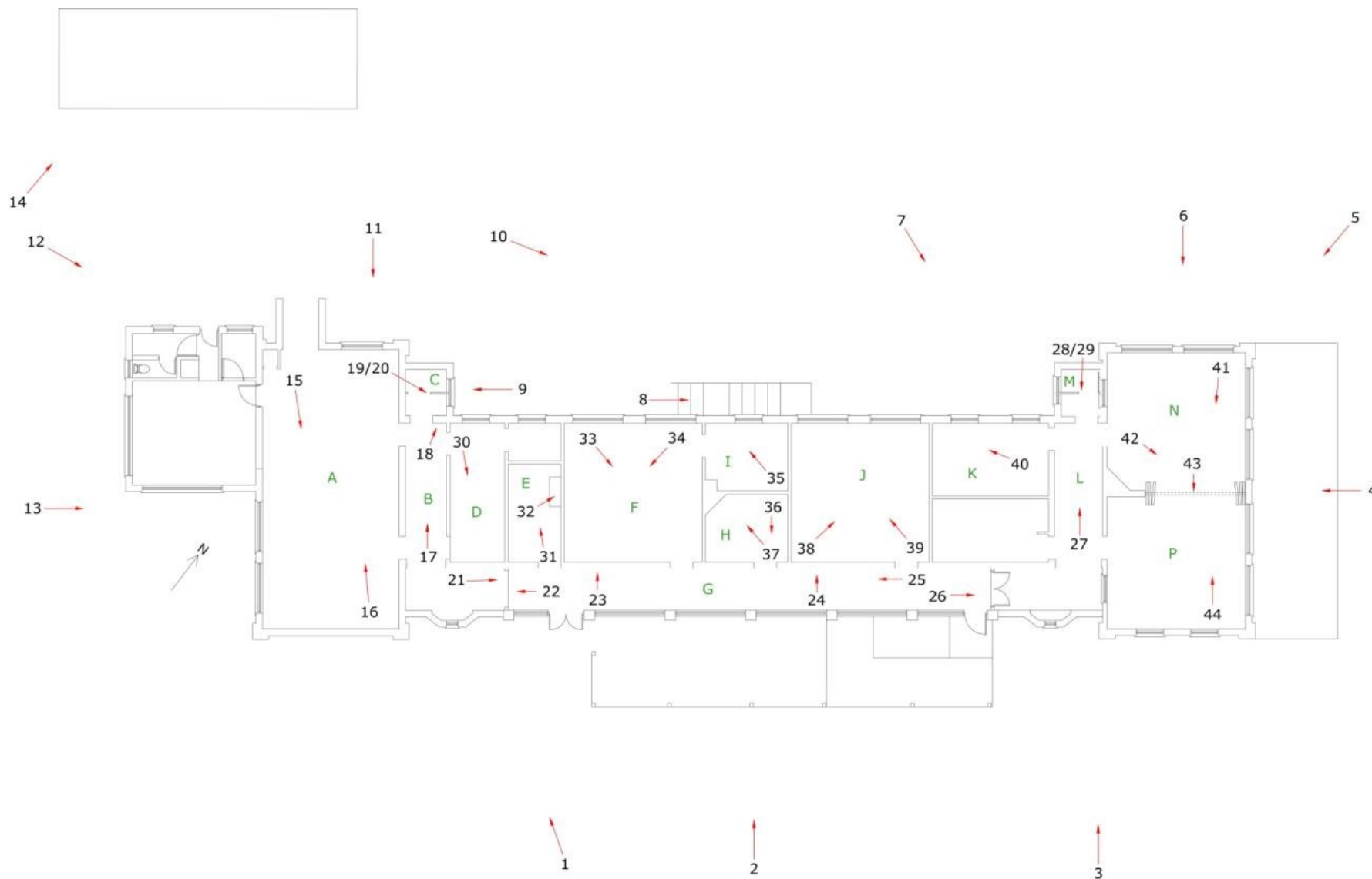


Figure 5: Floor plan of Five Roads School showing directions of photographs.

PHOTO SURVEY

The photographic survey was undertaken by Hubert Wilson of DAT Archaeological Services on Friday 5th January 2018. The direction of the photographs is shown in Figure 5.



Photo 1: SW corner of school, showing west wing and new corridor.



Photo 2: Southern face of school, showing west wing and new corridor.



Photo 3: Southeast corner of school, showing east wing and new corridor.



Photo 4: East face of east wing. 1m scale



Photo 5: Northeast corner of school.



Photo 6: North face of east wing. 1m scale



Photo 7: East wing and main part of building. 1m scale



Photo 8: Concrete steps leading down to the basement. 1m scale



Photo 9: Small extension between west wing and north side of school. 1m scale



Photo 10: North face of school with east wing in background. 1m scale



Photo 11: North side of west wing with small lobby extension. 1m scale



Photo 12: Northwest corner of school, showing flat-roofed extension. 1m scale



Photo 13: West end of west wing and flat-roofed extension. 1m scale



Photo 14: Former school kitchen. 1m scale



Photo 15: Room A; looking south. 1m scale



Photo 16: Room A; looking north. 1m scale

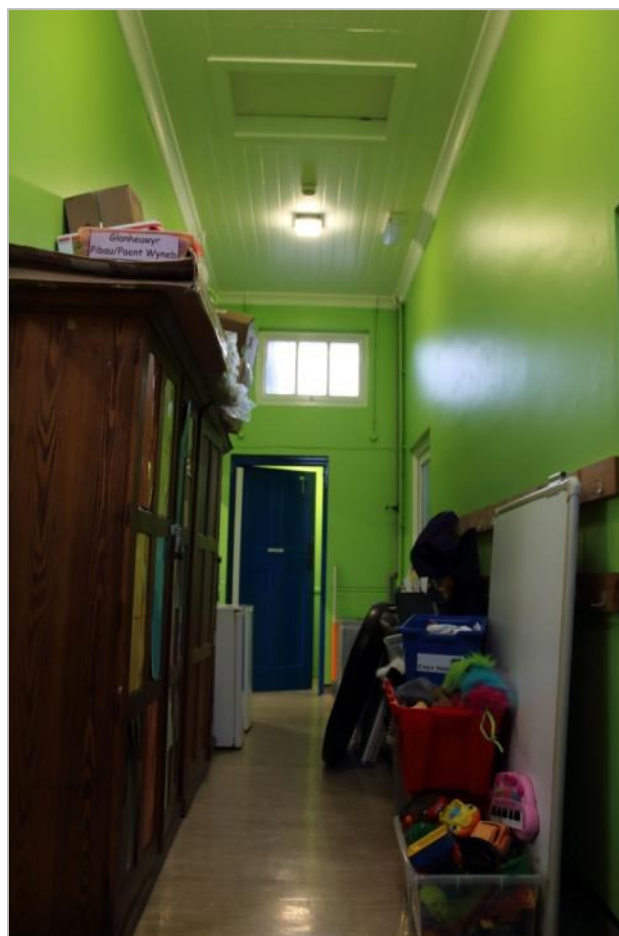


Photo 17: Corridor B; looking north. 1m scale



Photo 18: Detail of of wall decoration. 1m scale



Photo 19: Possible original door handle



Photo 20: Possible original brass latch.



Photo 21: Looking NE along corridor G; original outside (south) wall on left of photograph.



Photo 22: Possible re-located original doors at west end of corridor G. 1m scale



Photo 23: Part of original window in south wall. 0.5m scale



Photo 24: Original window in south wall. 0.5m scale



Photo 25: Looking west along corridor G; original outside (south) wall of school on the right of photograph.

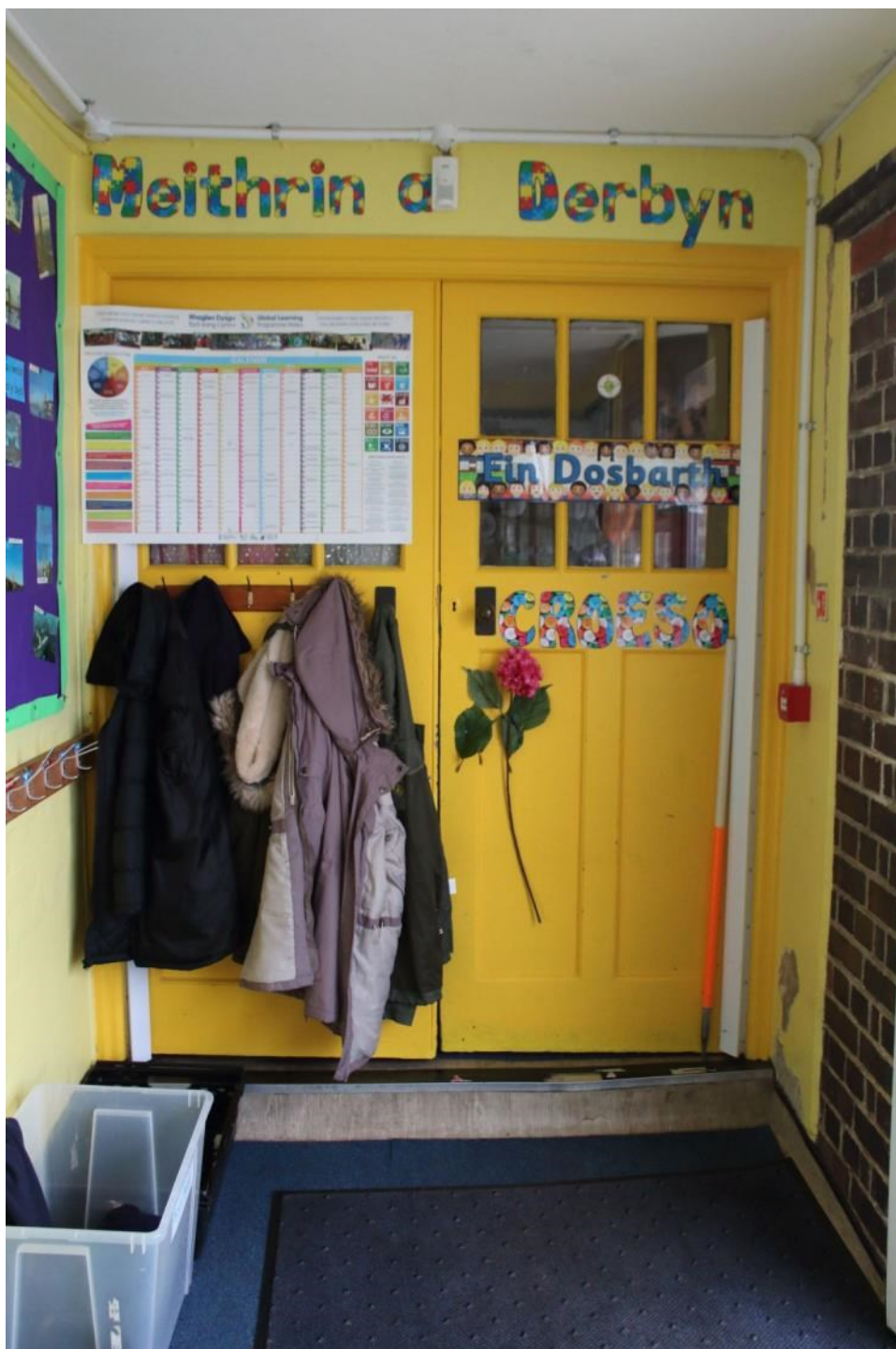


Photo 26: Possible re-located original doors at east end of corridor G. 1m scale



Photo 27: Looking north along corridor L. 1m scale



Photo 28: Possible original door handle



Photo 29: Latch mechanism for toilet door.



Photo 30: Looking towards south wall of Room D. 1m scale

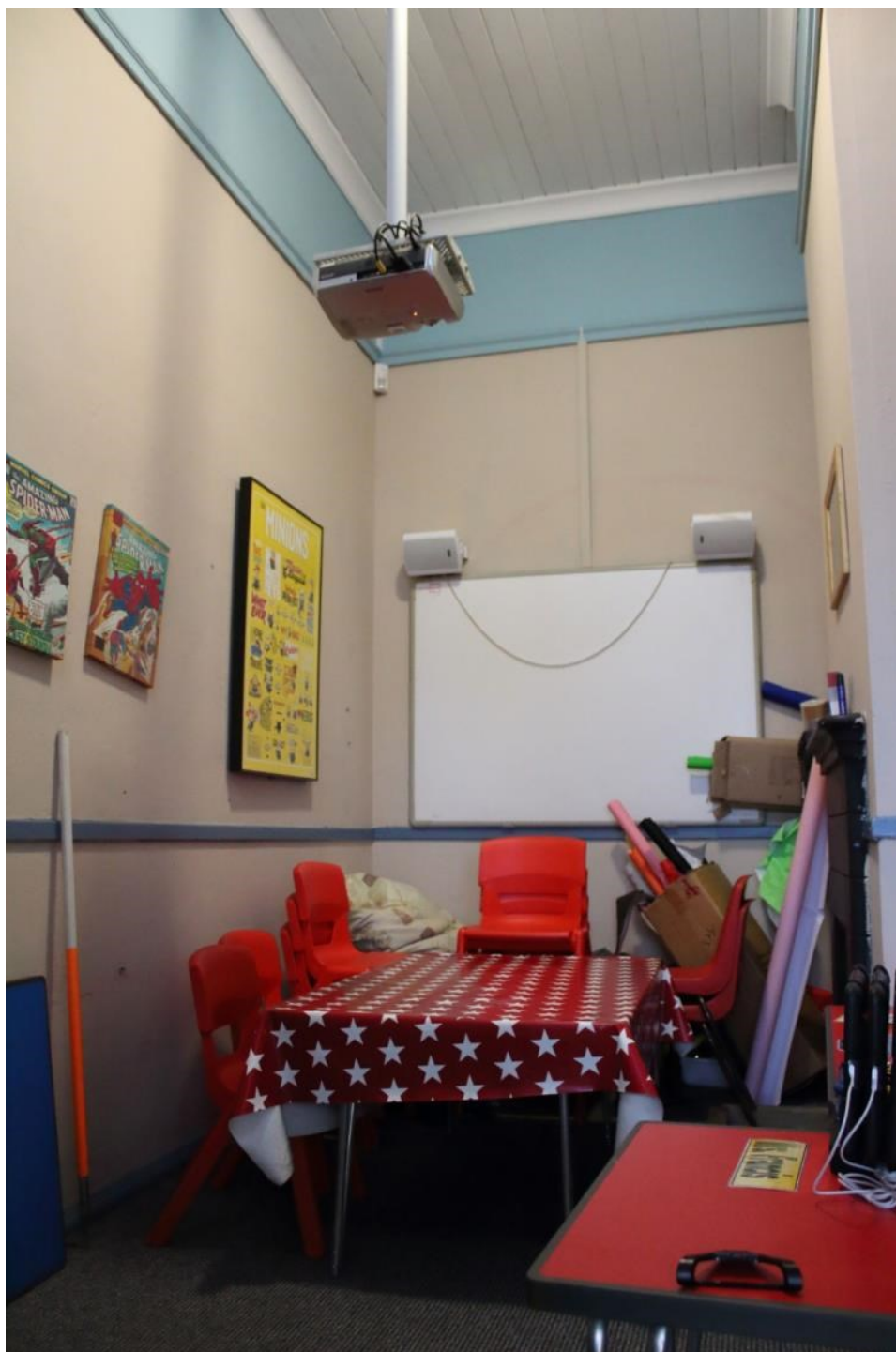


Photo 31: Looking towards north wall of Room E. 1m scale



Photo 32: Fireplace in Room E. 1m scale



Photo 33: Doorway in south wall of Room F. 1m scale



Photo 34: Looking towards west wall of Room F. 1m scale.



Photo 35: Looking towards west wall of Room I. 1m scale



Photo 36: Original door in Room H. 1m scale



Photo 37: Fireplace in corner of Room H. 1m scale



Photo 38: Looking towards east wall of Room J. 1m scale



Photo 39: Looking towards west wall of Room J. 1m scale



Photo 40: North wall of Room K. 1m scale



Photo 41: Looking towards south wall of Room P. 1m scale



Photo 42: Looking at room divider for Rooms N and P. 1m scale



Photo 43: Detail of parquet floor in Room P. 0.5m scale



Photo 44: Looking towards north wall of Room N.

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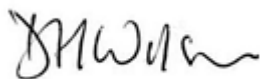
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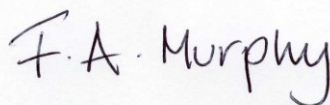
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