



At a glance

Location

Selsey
Chichester
West Sussex

The challenge

To provide an outdoor classroom for SEN classes, play therapy and breakout phonics sessions.

The solution

SOLARDOME[®] Haven

Dome specification

- Diameter 4.61m / 15'01"
- Height 3.05m / 10'01"
- Area 14.93m² / 161ft²
- Volume 34m³ / 1201ft³

Solardome[®] glasshouse dazzles pupils and staff at Sussex primary school.

Seal Primary Academy, based in Selsey near Chichester, were looking for a structure to maximise their outdoor grounds and act as a fun, additional space.

The school, which delivers a 'relevant and exciting curriculum' to 400 pupils at key stage 1 and 2 level, enquired with Solardome Industries in 2018 about their glasshouse range.

Learning through play

Suzanne Toms, PTA Chair at the school, was looking for an inspirational outdoor space which could provide fun breakaway sessions for the children, as well as keep them safe and sheltered from the elements.

After considering several options in the Growing Schools range, they chose the Solardome[®] Haven, which, at 4.6m in diameter, can hold up to 20 pupils at a time.

"We are so pleased with the Haven! It's being put to good use on a regular basis for our SEN classes and play therapy, as well as breakout phonics sessions," said Suzanne.

Maximal engagement

The impressive geodesic dome, which sits proudly in the school field, was quickly kitted out with laminate flooring, tables and multi-coloured pillows and mats.

“It’s amazing how much the pupils are benefitting from the additional space!”

“Teachers have told me how much more receptive and engaged the children are when they are being taught in this modern outdoor environment,” said Suzanne.

“The dome was installed on time during the allocated week in the Easter holidays. We received great pre-sales service and there were no post-build issues,” she added.



A community effort

Suzanne and the team invited Solardome and the fundraising organisations to the grand opening in November 2019, which was attended by Solardome’s Operations Manager Gary Mitchell.

“Having installed the Haven earlier in the year, it was great to see the dome in full operation, and being enjoyed the kids, within such a short space of time,” said Gary.

“It’s amazing how much the pupils are benefitting from the additional indoor-outdoor space in the school,” Suzanne added.

The glass dome was funded by The Lions, Ferry Farm, The Southern Co-op and Tesco Bags of Help.



More information

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