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## VBA Construction Management finalizes renovation for Kidsborough

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Hopkinton, MA The VBA Construction Management team has completed a multi-floor renovation for Kidsborough, a before and after school program for children in grades K-8 and its new daycare program Littleborough.

The project converted a 7,150 s/f two-level aftercare space into daycare and preschool classrooms and a 4,200 s/f loft on the third floor for the afterschool program.

VBA's restoration work involved restoring the original wooden floors and industrial post and beam structures. The open ceilings in the loft were preserved, LED lighting was installed to highlight the wooden beams and cloud shaped acoustic panels were added for noise mitigation and to reduce echoes.

Indoor gross motor spaces, a giant reading tree, spacious classrooms, among other innovative elements along with the required HVAC, lighting and fire protection required a tremendous amount of extra work from VBA.

Some of the key design elements were custom millwork house seating niches that anchor the open play space, chalkboard walls that allow for creativity and personalization and a floor design, including crosswalks, to help with navigation around the spaces.

For safety and health reasons, rubber flooring, which provides a sustainable solution to vinyl was installed in the new Littleborough daycare space.

“This type of flooring is important to many of the construction projects we do,” said Tyler Amore. “It withstands heavy traffic, spills, and temperature fluctuations.

“The project had so many unique design elements,” said Keivan Russo of VBA Construction Management. “We listened closely to the project team to ensure we brought their creative vision to life. Our entire team is excited by how well the new space is working and how it fosters creativity and community.”

“The challenge for VBA was to preserve the architectural integrity of our old mill building while incorporating the latest features and designs in childcare settings,” said Cori Lucius, director of Littleborough. “They accomplished both while always being there to test out my wild ideas and provide in-depth explanations for my never-ending inquiries.”

“Even with the numerous last-minute setbacks, VBA was able to finish the project according to our tight deadlines,” Cori Lucius added. “And most importantly our parents and kids love the new space from the bright colors, murals, and climbing wall to the “big room” where there is lots of space for movement and play.

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