

**When purchasing one of the products listed below, we recommend that the following siting, delivery and maintenance considerations are taken into account.**

Pertains to:

- 058399 – Large Loose Parts Store
- 058523 – Large Loose Parts Store and 3 Carts
- 045820 – Medium Loose Parts Store
- 045821 – Medium Loose Parts Store and 2 Carts
- 045830 – Mini Loose Parts Store
- 045822 – Mini Large Loose Parts Store and 1 Cart

## **SITING OF THE STORE**

Siting of the store is the responsibility of the party / parties making the purchase, and we recommend that the following are addressed. Any issues incurring cost or repair subsequent to installation, resulting from any of these recommendations, will not be covered by the supplier or RM Education (under trading brand TTS or Consortium). The installation team for the store will be more than happy to discuss and advise on location and siting before installation. Please contact our Customer Services team on 0800 298 6239, [hello@consortiumeducation.com](mailto:hello@consortiumeducation.com), to request this.

We advise that when locating the store, you consider that:

- The store must be sited on level ground, and hard standing is recommended (e.g. tarmac is ideal). Locating on or near a soft surface such as grass is likely at times to create muddy conditions, and depending on the base, this may cause issues with damp.
- The site must be well drained, not collecting surface water, or water from nearby slopes or run offs that could potentially cause extra wetness or damp to the store.
- Groundwork preparation and a base laid for the store, must be completed before the day of installation (groundworks and base are not included in the price). The store will need to be laid on a solid base, either concrete or tarmac.
- The base must be able to carry the weight of the store.
- An area with a minimum 1.5 metres must be left around the store and kept clear at all times after installation. This includes other buildings or structures, trees or other overhanging vegetation, and ground debris such as the collection of leaves, or other materials, which can collect moisture and have the potential to be absorbed by the wooden material of the store.

## **DELIVERY / INSTALLATION**

Access to the site is necessary to allow for installation. Please ensure that:

- There is suitable parking for a large vehicle, e.g. a long wheelbase / Luton van.
- Parking is ideally as close to site as possible.
- There is a clear access route from unloading the vehicle(s) to the site. Access must be external. Materials will not be taken through any school buildings for health and safety reasons.
- All personnel, staff and students must be clear from access routes and the site during installation.
- It is preferable for delivery and installation to take place during dry weather conditions, and the installation team will endeavour to arrange a suitable date for this. However, should the installation take place when weather conditions are wet, please follow the advice to open the doors and ventilate the store as soon as possible afterwards, to allow the wood to fully dry out inside. Internal moisture can create damp or mould issues.
- The published price includes delivery to mainland UK. Additional delivery charges may apply outside of this area and also if circumstances for delivery are unusual incurring any additional cost, e.g. the use of additional machinery.

**The installation team will call before the day of delivery to confirm the location for siting, timings for delivery and any other arrangements required on the day.**

## STORE MAINTENANCE

Maintenance of the store is the responsibility of the party / parties making the purchase.

### Wear and Tear / Weathering

The store is designed for outdoor purpose, and the wooden material is treated appropriately. However, wood is a natural material and the store is subject to wet weather, wind and other climatic elements. The supplier cannot be responsible for changes to the store's structure due to climatic factors and weather conditions that can lead to issues such as:

- Warping
- Condensation
- Wetness / damp
- Roof damage
- Mould
- Expansion and contraction of the wood

To help preserve the store we recommend maintenance including the following:

### Ventilation

Vents have been fitted, and gaps at the sides of the doors created, to allow ventilation in and around the store. However, the store stills needs to be ventilated further to allow the natural timbers to dry out, particular if items are being stored inside when wet. It is recommended that only dry items are stored in the store, and that the doors are left open periodically to allow drying out of the wooden material due to wet conditions. Lack of ventilation can lead to mould and build up of other residue.

### Clear Surrounding Area

An area of a minimum 1.5 metres must be left around the store and kept clear at all times. This applies to the roof as well as the walls. Clearance includes buildings or structures, trees or other overhanging vegetation, and ground debris such as the collection of leaves or other materials which can collect moisture with the potential to be absorbed by the wooden material of the store. Keep the area free from mud and it is also recommended not to leave items leaned to on the store.

### Treatment of Wood

The wood is treated to help preserve it from weather conditions. The treatments sometimes appears as a green tinge in the wood which is normal result of the tanalisation. It is not cause for concern.

We recommend treating the wood with a suitable wood preserve every 12 months, However this is not a requirement.

The wooden material is guaranteed for 10 years for rot and insect infestation. Other parts and fixings are guaranteed for 12 months but only if due care of the siting and maintenance of the store is apparent.