



KEY INFORMATION:
 CLIENT: Lancashire County Council
 LOCATION: Colne, Lancashire
 CONSTRUCTION VALUE: £8.3m
 CONTRACTOR: Equans UK & Ireland
 START - FINISH DATE: Summer 2023 – September 2024
 SECTOR: Education
 FORM OF CONTRACT: JCT Standard



SOCIAL VALUE PROMISE:
 • 1 employment opportunity
 • 2 apprentices
 • 8 work experience placements
 • 2 t-level apprentices
 • 24 green skills/training activities
 • 3 employment sessions
 • 8 curriculum/career site visits
 • Time/resource bank of £5000



PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Colne Primet Academy required new facilities to enable its annual intake to match local demand for places. The project included the construction of a standalone building holding 14 classrooms, as well as internal remodelling of the existing school to create extra classrooms.

Not only did the scheme provide vital school places, it was also designed with energy efficiency in mind. The extension provides a comfortable and inspiring learning environment, considering natural light, acoustics and air quality whilst also conserving water and providing clean energy through its ground source heat pump.

KEY DELIVERABLES/CHALLENGES

- A new build facility housing 14 classrooms, staff room, hygiene facilities and other smaller rooms.
- Further rooms in the existing school building underwent refurbishment works including asbestos removal works, M&E works, structural alterations, joinery and finishes.
- Externally, a new carpark and playground were created.
- Works took place on the existing school premises which needed to remain operational throughout the project (except in school holidays). This required additional measures to be implemented to maintain the highest standards of safety and security, often working in evenings and over weekends to keep up with scheduling without impacting on education provision.
- The roads leading up to the access to site are built up residential street with associated small businesses.

The new two storey teaching block was completed to a really high standard as were the surrounding areas and carparking facilities.

The work to the existing main school site was arguably the most challenging part of the whole project. The refurbishment of the Science, Food tech and woodworking departments along with creating a new toilet block for the staff and students whilst all the time trying to navigate working in a live school environment was tricky to say the least.

We was reassured from start to finish and every area was managed and completed to a really high standard with robust H&S and safeguarding measures in place. I wouldn't hesitate for a second to recommend Equans to any of my colleagues in the education sector"

ADAM WHALLEY, ESTATES MANAGER OF COLNE PRIMET