

LISBURNE SCHOOL

A new primary school for 221 pupils with a range of complex learning needs



KEY INFORMATION:

CLIENT: Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council

LOCATION: Stockport

CONSTRUCTION VALUE: £17.4m

CONTRACTOR: Kier

START - FINISH DATE: 31/08/21-07/10/2024

SECTOR: Education

FORM OF CONTRACT: JCT

DELIVERY TYPE: New Build

The award-winning new school replaces Lisburne's previous facilities, which were spread across three separate sites, including temporary and off-site buildings.

Lisburne supports pupils aged 4-11 with mild, severe, profound and multiple learning difficulties, communication & autistic spectrum conditions, physical disability and complex medical needs.

The school is based over 3 blocks, each with external landscaping, accommodating:

- Staff and admin areas
- School hall
- Early years and year 3-6, years 1&2, years 5&6
- Therapy unit for all pupils
- Central courtyard used for early years foundation stage
- Corresponding play areas with specialist equipment

A Forest School area includes external dining, covered play, habitat and seating areas, playing a central role in the curriculum, with the opportunity to develop social skills and child-led learning. There is also a multiuse games area, sensory/ memorial garden and growing area, a loop walk and running track.



SOCIAL VALUE DELIVERY:

- Over 78 hours local employment support and volunteering
- 11 new apprenticeship opportunities delivered through Kier direct and supply chain
- 203 apprentice weeks
- £16.3m local supply chain spend

AWARD-WINNING DESIGN

The project won 'School of the Year – Inclusive Design' at the National Education Estates Awards 2025.

This was testament to true collaborative working between Stockport Council, the 3 existing schools, Kier, architect AtkinsRealis and the design team to create a shared SEND child-centred vision, through a considered, bespoke design incorporating the needs of Lisburne's children. The design focuses on creating a supportive, accessible environment, with an emphasis on zoned spaces that cater to different age groups and needs.

EXTERNAL AREAS FOR TEACHING & LEARNING

The school is designed to inspire and create an innovative environment for pupils, staff and families. The external areas are integral and were carefully designed to provide a comprehensive, well linked series of spaces, enhancing learning & play experiences.



"I am so proud that our vision for an exceptional SEND school has finally been realised. The new site offers a fully inclusive environment for our children to thrive in and will offer opportunities to raise the profile of SEND and support children across the wider Stockport community...It has been a joy to see the children and families come together from the three sites with a real sense of belonging and identity as the Lisburne Community."

Samantha Benson- Headteacher- Lisburne School