



KEY INFORMATION:

CLIENT: **Cheshire East Council**

LOCATION: **Crewe**

CONSTRUCTION VALUE: **£6.3m**

CONTRACTOR: **MC Construction**

START - FINISH DATE: **May23 to Aug24**

SECTOR: **Education**

FORM OF CONTRACT: **NEC4 Option C**

DELIVERY TYPE: **2-Stage D&B**



SOCIAL VALUE PROMISE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Site tours and open-door event 'drop in' session
- Monthly newsletter update

SUPPORT FOR FRIENDS OF SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL:

- Halloween and Christmas disco
- Headline raffle prizes
- Donations of gifts for pupils and goods for the Christmas fair
- Purchase and decoration of a Christmas tree for the school grounds

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES:

- School-wide poster competition
- MC Construction school awards
- Play It Green environmental initiative
- Creation of a forest school
- Bulb planting, installing bird and bat boxes

LOCAL FOCUS:

- Focus on the use of local labour
- Ensuring that sub-contractors from our supply chain were local to the scheme



PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Construction of a wrap-around extension, creating an additional 80 school places to address an urgent need for extra provision in the area for children with complex needs.

Springfield School, Crewe, is an OFSTED outstanding school which provides for pupils aged 4-19 with severe learning difficulties and complex needs. The project would help alleviate a shortfall of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) school teaching places, as demand is at an all-time high.

The wrap-around extension created eight new classrooms, ancillary spaces including calm rooms, a sensory room and a therapy room, and new hygiene suites and toilets. We also extended and remodelled the existing kitchen facilities. Works included:

- Groundworks and drainage
- Foundations and structural steelwork
- Brickwork to form superstructure
- Roofing works
- Installation of windows, doors and internal walls
- Lift installation
- M&E installations
- Flooring, ceilings and decorations
- Supply of furniture, fixtures and fittings
- Car park alterations and external works

KEY DELIVERABLES/CHALLENGES

SEND considerate design.

We ensured that the design was developed to meet the unique requirements of a SEND school. This included considering the transport requirements of pupils with physical disabilities and ensuring that noise levels within the completed building are suitable for SEN pupils.

Operating within a live SEND school environment.

Whilst operating within a live SEND school environment, clear communication between our site manager and school staff was essential. School staff were regularly informed on the upcoming works and any works that would be potentially disruptive. Deliveries were scheduled to arrive avoiding peak times, at the start and end of the day when parents would drop off and collect pupils, to minimise disruptions. Works were coordinated to accommodate the school's daily activities. Noisy works were scheduled to stop during break times when pupils would potentially be outside. We also always maintained access to the swimming pool and sports barn, despite their location adjacent to our site.

Social value initiative.

We created a year-long social value programme that ran through the project from its onset. This included creating a suite of awards for pupils, joinery workshops, discos and environmental initiatives, linked to the school's curriculum.

"MC Construction have built the most impressive 80 place expansion. The school remained fully open and operational throughout the build with minimal disruption. Communication and relationships with the site manager and site team were excellent and we were kept well informed throughout the project. They really did go over and above and we were extremely grateful. We would absolutely look at using MCC for any future projects."

Kim Capeda-Wilson, Head of Springfield School, Crewe