



North West Construction Hub

COMPLETION CASE STUDY

SANDSIDE LODGE SCHOOL



Working in collaboration to deliver high quality special needs education facilities.

CLIENT

Cumbria County Council

LOCATION

Ulverston, Cumbria

CONSTRUCTION VALUE

£8m

CONTRACTOR

Seddon Construction Ltd

START - COMPLETION

DATE

May 2018 - June 2019

SECTOR

Education

FORM OF CONTRACT

JCT Design & Build 2011

DELIVERY TYPE

Design & Build



The design and build of a new two-storey special educational needs (SEN) facility to accommodate pupils aged from two to nineteen years with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

Cumbria County Council were in need of a new updated facility to replace the existing Sandside Lodge School which was dated and in disrepair. The Sandside Lodge SEN school provided a lot of excitement within the school users with both teachers and students as the new facility provides an improved learning environment supporting the health, safety and wellbeing of all. The scheme, won through a competitive tender process via the NWCH Framework consisted of the design and build of a new two-storey special educational needs (SEN) facility to accommodate pupils aged from two to nineteen with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

The facility includes a new 80-place school with specialist areas including sensory rooms, a therapy suite, hydro-therapy swimming pool, physiotherapy rooms, rebound trampoline therapy alongside modern teaching spaces with the latest technology. A dedicated library and specialist science facilities was constructed along with the schools first kitchen offering pupils and staff their own meals on site. This is extremely beneficial as the school accommodates special dietary requirements for their pupils. The new building replaces the existing Sandside Lodge School, which was no longer fit for purpose, and the new facility incorporate the county's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Resource Team which will help the school develop into a Centre of Excellence for Autism.

The site was associated with a number of internal awards, achieving Safe Site Excellence Award 2019 and Tom Smalley, site manager, won High Achiever Excellence Award 2019. The scheme was also awarded external awards including being awarded the National/ Regional Winner for Health Safety and Wellbeing by Constructing Excellence. Added value was provided through site visits provided to the future students, a sod cutting ceremony, newsletters and meetings with the local community to provide updates, drop in days for the residents for question and answer sessions, the formation of a temporary car park and also the demolition of a tree for the neighbouring school, and progress photo montages sent to the previous school to update the children.



For more information please contact:

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“ This new school is going to make a world of a difference to our students, it is an incredible opportunity for them to experience all the things that they have been lacking in our previous building, the school we were in previously was not fit for purpose, but what we've got now is the opportunity to have all our additional resources which will benefit the children massively

Donna Stretton, Head Teacher