



KEY INFORMATION:

CLIENT: **Cheshire East Council**
LOCATION: **Crewe**
CONSTRUCTION VALUE: **£3m**
CONTRACTOR: **MC Construction**
START - FINISH DATE: **May 23 - July 24**
SECTOR: **Education**
FORM OF CONTRACT: **NEC4 Option C**
DELIVERY TYPE: **2-Stage D&B**

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

MC Construction was appointed to conduct the two-stage tender of a wrap-around extension at Springfield School. The scheme included eight new SEND classrooms and upgraded catering facilities. Early engagement focused on understanding logistical, safeguarding and sensory requirements within a live SEND environment. This was to ensure the design and programme was in accordance with the needs of all stakeholders.

Pre-construction commitments included designing sensory-led outdoor improvements and creating inclusive pupil engagement opportunities by identifying volunteering and skills activities.

Works will also include:

- Calm rooms, sensory rooms and life skills rooms
- Hygiene suites, pupil and staff toilets
- Staff room and office
- Storage, IT and equipment store
- External play link
- M&E system upgrades
- Centralised lift facilities

KEY DELIVERABLES/CHALLENGES

- Live SEND environment
- Noise minimisation
- Strict programme to meet urgent capacity requirement
- Design complexity of multiple specialist spaces
- Coordinating logistics of 30 daily minibuses
- Access constraints / safeguarding

HOW DID EARLY CONTRACTOR ENGAGEMENT BENEFIT THE CLIENT

- Early involvement de-risked the scheme by enabling intrusive surveys and technical investigations, surfacing structural and logistical constraints before they could impact delivery.
- Our SEND-specific experience and approach allowed planning around quiet-work windows and safeguarding protocols, preventing disruption to pupils and eliminating reactive stoppages.
- Social value was agreed with the school to ensure a year-long programme, of deliverable and meaningful commitments.

"Children across the borough will benefit from these improvements to facilities at Springfield School"

Councillor Carol Bulman, Cheshire East Council Children and Families Committee



SOCIAL VALUE PROMISE:

- One sensory garden development
- Pupil engagement/competitions
- Sensory toy donations
- Fundraising for school fairs
- Seasonal raffles/hampers
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The Springfield School project successfully delivered 8 urgently needed classrooms, and a suite of specialist SEND facilities. This included calm rooms, sensory rooms and 1:1 support areas. This project responded to the pressing needs of the school and increased capacity from 170 to 250 pupils in providing hygiene suites, staff facilities, improved outdoor and storage facilities. MC Construction worked collaboratively with the school and Cheshire East Council to ensure the new spaces were tailored to the diverse needs of Springfield pupils.

Beyond the physical build, we recognised that the comfort and safety of pupils was of key importance. Establishing strong relationships with the school team was crucial to bring essential SEND knowledge onto site. Social value was also woven into every stage of delivery. From hosting construction workshops to creating an interactive sensory garden via a stakeholder volunteer day, our team ensured to prioritise the school's SEND community in an inclusive and supportive way throughout.



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KEY CHALLENGES

- Delivering noise-sensitive works in an SEND environment.
- Coordinating with 30 daily minibuses with no disruption.
- Aligning works with the September intake requirements.
- Navigating Building Safety Act regulatory changes mid-project.

“Staff, pupil and governors were blown away by the end product, and it is most definitely a wonderful environment for our pupils to learn. We would absolutely use MC Construction for any future projects”

KIM CEPEDA-WILSON, HEAD OF SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL