

Replace hydrotherapy pool to benefit pupils with special needs



KEY INFORMATION:

CLIENT: **Trafford Council**

LOCATION: **Urmston, Manchester**

CONSTRUCTION VALUE: **£900,000**

CONTRACTOR: **Seddon Construction**

START - FINISH DATE: **February 2021 –**

August 2021 (29 weeks)

SECTOR: **Education**

FORM OF CONTRACT: **PSPC4**

DELIVERY TYPE: **Design and Construct**

PROJECT OVERVIEW:

Delamere school is one of only three dedicated SEND schools in Trafford. They provide 80 places to support local children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

Seddon completed this £900,000 project to replace a 20-year-old hydrotherapy pool at Delamere School. The project was funded by Trafford Council via the Department for Education's SEND capital funding.

Designed by Bowker Sadler Architecture (BSA), delivery of the project was also aided by structural engineer, Ridge and Partners LLP, and specialist pool installers, Unique Pool Ltd.

The new hydrotherapy pool replaces the previous facilities which were well-worn and no longer fit-for-purpose. The extension houses a new level-deck pool to replace the existing one, which sat 600mm above floor level. The existing pool area has been remodelled to provide a larger, more inclusive, and spacious changing facility.

Its design provides a level threshold and a modern pool hoist lift from the changing rooms into the pool, making direct entry into the water both easier and safer for those with reduced mobility. The new pool incorporates a stimulating bubble bed, colour changing/mood lighting, an audio system and image projection to enhance the sensory experience for the children.

KEY DELIVERABLES/CHALLENGES

As this project was completed for a SEND school it meant the team had to be vigilant and cautious of potential issues that could lead the children in danger. This meant making sure all windows and doors were locked to prevent any children escaping or going somewhere that they shouldn't have access to.

The hydrotherapy facility will prove to be a huge asset for the school by providing a wealth of benefits for children with SEND, helping to maintain joint and muscle movement and contributing to positive well-being. Fixed poolside seating offers parents and carers a comfortable place to watch their loved ones.



SOCIAL VALUE PROMISE:

- We put hardcore in an outside area so that the school could have an outside teaching area.
- We donated money to the school so they could provide students with a cabin in order to cover them in bad weather.



Seddon

"The build has been completed on time by Seddon, which is unbelievable in the context of COVID. BSA inspired confidence that they understood the issues with our previous pool, and that they were experienced enough to deliver a high quality, bespoke product. They consulted at every stage, kept us very well informed and really cared about the success of our project and understood how much it meant to me and my children."

Sally Burston, Headteacher at Delamere School