Project 452: New Secondary School SEN Facility

Client: Greenacre School, Chatham, Kent

Programme: 5 Weeks

Construction Details: Aluminium Doors, Building Control, Carpentry, Decorating, Electrical Works, Floor Coverings, Flooring, Partitioning, Plastering, Plumbing, Rainwater Goods, Refurbishment, Renovation, Sanitary Ware, School Improvement, Toilet Cubicles

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Delivering a Purpose-Built Learning Environment

Following a successful competitive tender submission, we were appointed to deliver a new Special Educational Needs (SEN) facility for a local secondary school. The project involved transforming an underutilised section of the main school building into a modern, functional and supportive learning environment tailored to the needs of both pupils and staff.

Working in close partnership with the school's Trust and Facilities team, we successfully delivered a high-quality space that aligned with the school's vision while ensuring minimal disruption to day-to-day operations.

The Project Brief

The area identified for redevelopment consisted of two large former science classrooms and an adjacent science technician's office. The school's objective was to create a dedicated SEN unit that would provide flexible teaching spaces and enhanced support facilities.

The completed scheme included:

- Six individual teaching rooms
- Two accessible toilet facilities
- A central breakout area with a kitchenette
- A standalone office for the lead teaching member of staff, positioned within the unit to provide greater accessibility and support

From the outset, we worked closely with the Trust's Estates and Facilities Development Manager to ensure every aspect of the project met the operational and educational requirements of the school.

Our Solution

To bring the new layout to life, our team carried out a full internal refurbishment and reconfiguration of the existing space. The works included:

- Installation of new partition walls to create the individual teaching rooms
- Fitting of new fire-rated doors to meet current safety regulations
- Complete electrical upgrades throughout the facility
- Installation of new flooring finishes
- Full internal decoration across all areas

In addition, we managed the Building Control application process on behalf of the school, securing

all necessary approvals and achieving full sign-off upon completion.

Working Within a Live School Environment

As the programme extended beyond the school holidays, the majority of the construction works were undertaken during term time. Careful planning and close collaboration with the school enabled us to carry out the project safely and efficiently without disrupting teaching activities.

A secure working area was established using temporary fencing, ensuring complete separation between the construction zone and the operational school environment. Furthermore, all members of our site team held Enhanced DBS certification, providing the school with complete confidence and peace of mind throughout the project.

The Outcome

The completed SEN facility provides a welcoming, practical and purpose-built environment designed to support students with additional educational needs. By transforming redundant teaching spaces into a dedicated learning hub, the school has gained a flexible and modern facility that will serve its pupils and staff for many years to come.

This project demonstrates our ability to successfully deliver complex refurbishment works within occupied educational settings, combining careful planning, regulatory compliance and close client collaboration to achieve outstanding results.

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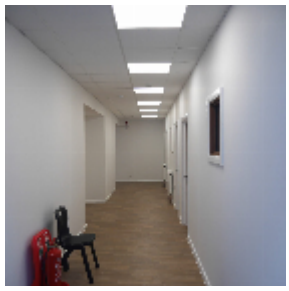






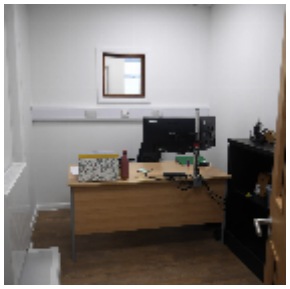


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