



PROJECT

MULTI ETHNIC COMMUNITY BUILDING AND
FOUNDATION STAGE CLASSROOMS
AT HOLYWELL SCHOOL

**CLIENT
VALUE**

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
£1.03M

CONSULTANT

MACE



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

Holywell Primary School is located at Tolpits Lane, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD18 6LL, and takes children from the age of three to eleven. Most of the pupils come from the surrounding neighbourhood, reflecting the cosmopolitan nature of the local community.

THE PROJECT

The 28 week project commenced in February 2010, and included alterations to the existing school to create a new multi ethnic community building and foundation stage classrooms. The new extension was constructed using strip foundations, blockwork, and cedar cladding, with a single ply membrane roof.

Work also involved WC refurbishment, provision for staff and administration areas, alterations to the existing library and car park, and construction of a new foundation stage playground, which incorporated a canopy together with soft and hard play areas.

The project was undertaken in two phases, with changes to the car park made during the school holidays to keep disruption to a minimum. Throughout the project site traffic was controlled and directed through the existing school, with the help of a banksman and secure site gates. Strict delivery schedules were put in place, and noisy work was arranged around school activities.



DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION ACT (DDA) PROVISION

A range of DDA compliant features were included, such as entrances with automatic doors, kitchens and special parking bays.

SMARTE EAST FRAMEWORK

Lakehouse secured this project through a SMARTE EAST Framework. The four year new build and refurbishment framework was awarded in December 2007, valued between £15M and £30M per annum.

It was set up to cover construction, and mechanical and electrical engineering works across the whole of the east region, commencing in Hertfordshire and Essex.

SUPPORT FOR RECYCLING SCHEME

Lakehouse Operations Manager Darren McKeon is a champion of the Considerate Constructors Scheme. He said "When we get to a school, we look at the surroundings and try and give something back as a legacy that will remain after we leave."

With the help of the site team Holywell Primary School embarked on a new recycling scheme. Lakehouse provided the school with compost bins for fruit and vegetables, and a weighing station, to ensure they can be recycled properly. The team has also installed wildlife noticeboards around the school's new nature trail.

Under the slogan 'reduce, recycle, reuse', children were asked to design posters to help them learn about and promote waste reduction. The winners were presented with tickets to Whipsnade Zoo.

Head teacher John Fowler said "It's been fantastic. Lakehouse has really involved the children and the staff."

CCS NATIONAL SITE AWARD 2011

The school was registered with the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS), and scored an excellent 36 out of 40 for its first site audit.

In April 2011 Lakehouse secured a CCS National Site Award for Holywell Primary School. Standards set by the scheme are high. Each year the top scoring 10% of sites are reviewed and shortlisted and only the top 75% go on to receive national awards. Construction Director Dean Ball said, "We are thrilled to win this award and receive formal recognition for the high standards we set and maintain on site. Our success is a direct result of the continued hard work and effort of our site teams, and our CCS champions who promote good practice."

