

Case Study

Southway Primary School



Delivered for West Sussex County Council

New Primary School in Bognor Regis | Value: £9.7 million | December 2009



Introduction	The Primary school is now known as Southway Primary School which opened in January 2009. This school has replaced two existing Primary schools in Bognor which was The Glade Infant school and Michael Ayres Junior School. The Southway Primary school caters for 633 pupils between the age of 5-11 years old.
Key facts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The largest Primary school built in West Sussex. • One of first Primary schools in West Sussex to reintroduce Sprinkler systems. • The new Primary school site was adjacent to the existing school and its sports facilities involving shared access protecting students by using full-time security. • The new site complex was extremely close to privately owned houses and needed regular community communication, with access to our managers for any issues 24/7. • The Primary and Nursery schools were adjacent to the construction site of the new Primary and Secondary school and construction works • The on site construction programme for the school was 49 weeks
Details	Willmott Dixon was involved with the Southway Primary School project from RIBA stage B and has developed the design through an extensive consultation process. The Southway Primary School involved the design and construction of a new 3850m ² , 2 storey, 3 form, Primary School, including a nursery and Reception Year. The new facilities include classrooms and break-out spaces, a multi use assembly-dining hall with movable walls. The school is heated by under floor heating and has all main rooms naturally ventilated by open able windows and wind catchers. The existing Primary school was adjacent to the site of the new Southway School, every effort was made to make sure their was no disruptions for the existing school during the construction phase.
Successes	To provide a building that suits all needs for the students and teaching staff as well as providing an easily maintainable building with services that are efficient and easy to use. The scheme delivered on time and on Budget with zero defects. A very satisfied client due to continual design and construction assessments and monitoring
Sustainable Achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SUDS system designed for storm water attenuation. • Installation of a Biomass boiler to produce a carbon neutral energy system utilizing local fuel resources.
Community Initiative	The Project team worked closely with the existing Primary School, Infants School and Nursery, attending assemblies, organising a football competition and raising pupils awareness of the dangers of construction with Ivor Goodsite attending the school fair. All the School children were involved in the design of classrooms and permanent art for the walls in classrooms and main entrance.
BREEAM Rating	Very Good
Testimonial	Bob Ingram, West Sussex County Council "Excellent communication throughout the project"
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