

Class Reconfiguration - Refurb Brightlingsea Junior School Mitie Projects



Customer:- Essex County Council/ Mitie
Contract Start:- July 2024
Contract Completion:- September 2024
Contract Value:- >£150,000

Refurb Classrooms | 130m2 Classroom | Fire Wall, Door Upgrades

Project Overview: Brightlingsea JS conducted a Fire Risk Assessment (FRA) that identified the need to rebuild two classrooms and upgrade the existing fire stopping throughout the building. Fire stopping was required above the ceilings in the existing walls, which involved the installation of penetration batts. The project also encompassed the full refurbishment of two internal spaces, including new wall construction, ceilings, floors, decoration, and the supply and installation of compliant fire doors.

Scope of Work: To ensure compliance with current building regulations, we provided a comprehensive wall construction and fire stopping service. The works involved isolating and disconnecting all existing services, removing the old walls, constructing new classrooms, installing new fire exit doors, and restoring all services once the construction was complete.

Design and Programme Management: The facility had a fixed reopening date of September 2024. Construction Director Thomas O'Brien worked closely with the client and school, organizing a series of Client Engagement Meetings to keep them fully informed and ensure they understood the scope of the works.

Implementing Solutions: During the project, the school requested additional flooring and decorating. To meet these new requirements within the scheduled timeframe, we increased labour on-site. Despite the additional work, the fixed deadline for reopening the school was maintained through close collaboration with the client to reprogramme and adjust the project plan as necessary.

Handover and Post-Completion: Despite the extra work, the project was handed over on time and with zero defects, ensuring a smooth reopening of the school as planned.

Environmental Considerations and Net Zero Carbon Initiatives: The refurbishment provided an opportunity to upgrade the classroom lighting systems, improving energy efficiency and reducing the school's overall running costs. This supports the school's efforts towards sustainability and contributes to lower long-term energy consumption.



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