

Client:
Priory Fields Primary School

Sector:
Education

Location:
Dover



"Following a lengthy process due to environmental issues the building that has now been provided has exceeded our expectations and we are delighted with the end result. Pupils are now learning in warm, well ventilated and well-proportioned classrooms."

Anne Siggins, Executive Headteacher, Priory Fields Primary School

Building use:
Two-form entry primary school

Floor area:
2,300m²

No. of modules:
44 x Yorkon

Project duration:
20 weeks on site

Including:
Fully DDA compliant
General classrooms and office space
Double height, multi-purpose modular hall

Requirement

Priory Fields School has been waiting almost four years for a new-build solution to its complex, hill-side site. When a traditional construction solution couldn't deliver, modular expert Portakabin was appointed by the Education Skills and Funding Agency (ESFA) to engineer and design a purpose built, two-form entry school, to replace the multi-level building currently in use.

Solution

Forty-four modules were designed and constructed to engineering tolerances of millimetres at the Portakabin manufacturing facility in York. While this was happening, over 21,000m³ of chalk was excavated from the hillside site to house the new, fully DDA compliant building. As well as general classrooms and office space, there is a double height, multi-purpose modular hall, the latest in innovative building design from Portakabin.

The offsite construction of the modules which make up the new school building have meant that learning and lessons have not been disrupted and with 90% fewer vehicle movements than traditional construction, there has been less disruption to the local community.

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