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Gogledd Cymru
North Wales
Construction Partnership

Case Study

Client

Wrexham County Borough Council

Project

Borras CP School

Project Value

£7.1m

Contractor

Read Construction

Start and Completion Date

February 2021 – April 2023

Sector

Education

Form of Contract

JCT D&B 2016

Delivery Type

Design and Build



READ
Construction



“During the building work we remained on site and found the whole team from Read to be understanding and respectful of the young children on site. The whole process was an open one, and any decisions that needed to be made were explained fully and supported. I found the team to be responsive to our questions, issues and needs during the building work.”

- Rhiannon James, Headteacher
- Ysgol Llan y Pwll



THE PROJECT

Joint funded by the Welsh Government and Wrexham County Borough Council, this award winning scheme saw the extensions and alterations to provide a 21st Century learning environment.

The client brief for this D&B project was to deliver a modern, flexible teaching space that is simple in form with best whole life value a core expectation. Read worked collaboratively with the design, client and end user teams to ensure effective communication and minimal disruption.

The scheme included four separate workfaces within the school campus and a new entrance road, car park with associated external works. The project was delivered within the live school campus with minimal disruption and ZERO harm to pupils, staff or visitors.

The new build teaching block comprised structural steel frame on pad foundations with external rainscreen cladding.

The scheme was a finalist in the LABC Building Excellence Awards, and received a High Commendation for the Best Public Building category.



KEY OUTCOMES

- 7 placements provided
- 7 jobs created
- 11 careers information, advice and guidance events
- 441 training weeks
- 114 training courses completed
- 5 training plans
- Above achievements represent ALL social value KPIs either met or overachieved
- Highly Commended LABC
- 2 donation drives for local Food Bank

HOW PROJECT SUPPORTED HEALTHY, RESILIENT AND COHESIVE COMMUNITIES

Engaging Local Supply Chain

Engaging local supply chain is a key priority for Read, to ensure Welsh communities are supported by the reinvestment of the Welsh pound. Despite national lock down restrictions, Read held a virtual Meet the Buyer event for the scheme, to encourage local suppliers to bid for a variety of work packages. The event proved successful, and resulted in positive local supply chain engagement:

- 80% project spend within Welsh postcodes
- £5.1m spend within 40miles of site
- 80% SME supply chain

Supporting Careers Events

Supporting our commitment to inspiring the future generation, Read encouraged the school's engagement with the scheme. Interactions included regular updates, donation of PPE and site equipment for the school children to create their own 'site office' within their classroom, an opportunity for the children to get up close to the plant on site and site tours. By engaging the pupils throughout the process, we not only inspire the future generation of construction workers - but also ensure their transition into their new facility is less daunting and seamless.



"We would like to thank you for being so accommodating, allowing us to visit the site with groups of children to do their research and watch the building work progress - which seems to be moving on daily! You guys are awesome! It has made the children burst with enthusiasm and they really feel a part of the site development and their 'new' school." – Jennie Rodenhurst Teacher, Borrass Park CP

Local Donations

Read set up a Food Bank donation box on site ahead of the festive season, to support local people in need in the community. Both food donations and cash donations were encouraged, with all cash donations being match funded – resulting in over £1000 food donated to the Wrexham Food Bank.