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Byley Primary School, Byley, Middlewich : New School Hall, Kitchen Servery and Stores



Project Profile

Client : ISG plc for
Cheshire West and
Chester Council

Value: £610,400

On site: February 2012

Programme: 28 Weeks

Contractor: ISG Construction

Nestling between a farmstead one side and business units on the other with open farmland to the front and back of the school grounds, Byley Primary School is a truly rural, long established, Edwardian red brick village school, which had been extended over the years to accommodate a little over seventy children, providing a full primary education from Reception to Year Six. It had never had the benefit of a dedicated school hall and the primary objective of this project was to build a new hall. This was sited immediately adjacent to the existing kitchen, which was extended and reordered to deliver meals from the opposite side via a new servery.

The project delivered significant benefits to the school, providing: a separate space for dining, music and PE, and relieving pressure on the existing teaching spaces. Further enhancements included the provision of a DDA compliant toilet and a small Group Room. The new hall with its linking glazed cloister, which also acts as a breakout space, forms a partially enclosed courtyard, which in turn opens out onto the existing hard play facilities. To compensate for loss of hard play surface by the construction of the new access corridor, the existing tarmac play area was extended the on the eastern side by circa 60m².