

CASE STUDY: St Albans C E Primary School, Classroom Refurbishment

Client Brief

Leaves Building Contractors and Ken Rand Partners were appointed by St Albans C E Primary School for the refurbishment of three Key Stage 1 classrooms.

Phase 1 of the work involved the removal of walls in order to create two large classrooms and all ancillary works involved in bringing the new classrooms, plus the adjacent Reception classroom up to a high standard of interior finish including; structural work, a new lobby, decoration, new flooring, ceilings and extensive fitted storage including sink units.

Following the successful installation of phase 1 the school were so pleased with the work carried out and the impact it made on the students, they sought additional budget and commissioned us to create a range of loose bespoke furniture items to complete the scheme.

The client's objective was to provide the students with a much improved learning environment with better organisation and a fun feel to it, representative of the schools' ethos.

Before Photos:



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Design Response

Working closely with the Head Teacher and teachers of the three classes that were being refurbished, we underwent an in-depth exploration of their storage requirements. We were keen to provide a storage solution that was tailored to meet their daily operational needs and the needs of the students.

3D visuals were produced for approval, to help the teachers visualise how the storage and furniture would look within the environment and how it would meet their day-to-day needs.

The storage walls consisted of various bespoke sections, including; cloak cupboards with bi-fold doors so that they didn't restrict the space in the classroom when the doors were open, drying rack drawers situated above the heaters in each classroom for drying students artwork and open shelving for the storage of boxes, trays and ring binders. This provided easy access to colour coded and labelled boxes for teaching equipment and supplies.

The loose furniture items were all designed and made specifically to their requirements. These included multi-function storage systems on castors that could be easily relocated and bespoke seating solutions for reading corners incorporating storage for students' book bags.

The storage and furniture was finished in a highly durable beech melamine with PVC edging so that it will stand up to the rigours of daily use whilst looking attractive and in keeping with the overall refurbishment finish.



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Client Testimonial:

“On behalf of the Governing Body of St Alban’s Primary School, I write to compliment you on the quality of work carried out by your staff in the refurbishment of the three Key Stage 3 classrooms. The quality of the finish is excellent, as is the level of service you have provided.

The entire project has been a huge success and has raised the standard of accommodation offered to the children of our school.

Thank you again and rest assured that we will certainly consider use of your services in the future.”

Mr Alan Welton,
Chairman of Governors



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