



The Aspire School - SEND



The Aspire School is a special free school in Sittingbourne for children aged from 4 to 11 years. It offers specialist provision for children with ASD or speech, language, and communication needs.

The design was developed in close collaboration with the architects and Grove Park Academies Trust following an in-depth review of SEN schools and their facilities. The aim was to create an environment that inspires young people and nurtures lifelong learning experiences.

The new building used the Innovaré sustainable panelised superstructure solution. The integrated design and manufacturing process delivered greater freedom to create a building that enhances the day-to-day life of users while meeting sustainability and energy efficiency goals.

Careful design consideration was given to promoting engagement, well-being, and achievement of learners.

Aspire School aims to offer outstanding provision for students and be a leading school for children with ASD and SLCN. The school plans to develop links and provide expert support to other schools and the wider community.



Project	Aspire School - SEND
Client	Kent County Council
Contractor	BAM Constuction
Architect	Bond Bryan
Value	£9m
Location	Sittingbourne Kent
GIFA	3,250 m ²



Caroline Gibbs – SEN Design Expert said:

“The design of the school aims to provide a cohesive and inspiring educational facility. The learning experience of those with learning difficulties can be greatly enhanced by removing distractions and providing a safe, structured environment alongside clear routines in the classroom.

The elements of comfort, relaxaation, motivation and inspiration are all essential to the SEN learning experience and must be considered if pupils are going to engage with, and enjoy, the environment they are within whilst helping them to feel safe.”

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