

## Southglade Primary School

Education Sector- Case Study



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**Southglade Primary School in Nottingham had been identified by the Department for Education as no longer fit for purpose. The ageing buildings showed visible deterioration and no longer met the needs of a modern learning environment. As part of the Department's 10-year School Rebuilding Programme, plans were approved to demolish the outdated facilities and construct a new school that would deliver high-quality educational spaces for the community.**

The new two-form entry primary school provides places for 420 pupils, supported by an additional 52-place nursery. The redesign enables a total capacity of 472 children aged between three and eleven. By reducing the overall building footprint, the project team created a larger, more flexible external environment that includes enhanced sports provision and dedicated outdoor learning areas.

The project was delivered in partnership with Bowmer + Kirkland, the Department for Education and Nottingham City Council. Innovaré played a central role by delivering a complete two-storey building envelope solution using our Low Carbon Fire Safe large format 384 mm i-FAST structural wall panels.

The external envelope was seamlessly integrated with the Stofix UK brick slip cladding system and the Benx Swisspearl fibre cement façade panels, forming a cohesive and high-quality cladding solution. Close coordination with follow on trades ensured efficient onsite sequencing throughout the build. The full cladding installation and zip-ups were delivered within a 22-week onsite programme.

The use of Innovaré's large format panels significantly accelerated construction, reducing the need for onsite labour and ensuring consistently high levels of build quality through controlled factory conditions. This standardised offsite approach was particularly valuable due to the need to maintain school

operations throughout the project. Demolition and construction were phased strategically, allowing half of the existing school to be removed once pupils and staff had moved into temporary accommodation. The remaining buildings were demolished only after the new school became fully operational, ensuring minimal disruption.

The completed Southglade Primary School offers bright, modern teaching spaces, improved sports facilities and expanded external areas designed to enhance play, wellbeing, and outdoor learning. The project demonstrates how early collaboration, modern methods of construction and a commitment to sustainability can transform an ageing educational facility.

Project Name	Southglade primary School
Client	Department for Education
Contractor	Bowmer + Kirkland
Architect	CPMG Architects
Installation Team	Plotform Limited
Overall Total Project Value	£1.1 Million
Location	Nottingham
Innovaré duration of weeks onsite	22 Weeks
Total GIFA m <sup>2</sup>	Gross Wall Area 1875 m <sup>2</sup>
Innovaré Product	384 i-FAST Panel
Innovaré Solution	Wrap
Project Completion Date	November 2025