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on behalf of Hampshire  
County Council:  
**Woodlea Primary School**



  
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# Project: Woodlea Primary School



**Task:** External Decorations

**Products used:**  
Dulux Weathershield – Various Colours

**Client:** Hampshire County Council

## Background

Located on the edge of South Downs National Park in Hampshire, Woodlea Primary School is a mixed community school providing education to over 150 pupils. The School is a unique, award-winning building set amongst woodland grounds providing the perfect setting for teaching and learning.



## Project Details:

We undertook external timber decoration works to the entire school site including window frames, soffits, fascias, cladding, railings, gates and a bike shed. The project was undertaken during term time whilst the School was occupied, requiring specific health and safety considerations throughout.

The building was architecturally challenging and the first-stage of the project involved working with our approved access partners, Crestel Scaffolding, to design and erect a scaffold solution for the varying roof levels. This included a phased programme for scaffolding requiring regular liaison with Crestel throughout the project and management of two scaffolders on site to support our five direct delivery painting operatives.

A key feature of this project was the range of eight colours used across the site including; copper brown, mauve, slate green, almond, ebony forest, rustic brown and dark hickory. Our experienced directly employed team was able to successfully deliver this detailed specification and restore a new lease of life to the school site.



## Key Challenges...

Key challenges in this project included:

- **Colour matching:** we worked with AkzoNobel to match the colours to remain true to the original features of the building
- **Access:** complex high and low-level roof pitches requiring lightweight aluminium system with tubular towers ensuring weight loads were kept off the roof
- **Careful planning and programming:** phased erection/dismantling of scaffold to enable sectional completion
- **Pupil/staff safety:** site including welfare/parking, securely fenced off with adequate H&S signage. Daily liaison with staff to provide updates
- **Material storage:** materials removed from site daily to minimising health and safety risks
- **Waste:** all paint tins recycled through local Brewers ensuring continued commitment to our environmental impact



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