

# **Design and Access Statement**

Whalley CE Primary  
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## **1- Introduction**

This Design and Access Statement (DAS) accompanies an application by Blackburn Diocese (Board of Education) for the installation of a single-storey *Portakabin Ultima* building to be sited on an existing hard standing area at Whalley CE Primary School, Church Lane, Whalley, Lancashire, BB7 9SL. The proposed *Portakabin Ultima* building will be temporary for 16 Weeks.

## **2- Site History**

Whalley Church of England Primary School has been a centre of excellence as a provider of education, within the local community, for over 150 years. The school has high expectations of achievement through the provision of quality teaching, which is sensitive to the needs of each child. There is a shared vision where Governors, Staff and Parents work together with a common sense of purpose and clear objectives. The school has in recent year's undergone extensive refurbishment and modernisation to ensure that the working environment is both attractive and stimulating. Children are encouraged to learn and to achieve in happy and secure surroundings.

## **3- Site in context**

Development Site Photographs;



Proposed location of Portakabin building on site



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## **4- Opportunities and Constraints**

The development need has arisen due to the school's existing basement classroom being damaged by flood water in December 2015. The existing classroom is being refurbished and as an interim measure the school will hire a Portakabin Classroom building for 16 weeks to ensure the continuity of education for the children on site.

The proposed development site as depicted in the previous photographs has been identified through close consultation with the school as the most appropriate area in which to place the classroom facility. Existing path ways enable clear access to the proposed building without compromising the safe guarding of pupils at Whalley CE Primary School.

## **5- Design Principles and Context**

### **5.1- Use:**

The proposed *Portakabin Ultima* building is to be used as a temporary classroom facility whilst the schools existing basement classroom is refurbished.

### **5.2- Amount:**

The *Portakabin Ultima* building has an overall floor space of 78m<sup>2</sup>. This meets the School's requirements numbers of staff and children expected to use the facility. See the enclosed Plan and Elevations attached to the application.

### **5.3- Layout:**

The *Portakabin Ultima* building will be sited on a hard standing area to the south of the main school building. As the proposed site is within the school grounds, it does not encroach on any residential properties in the local area. The buildings will be single-storey.

### **5.4- Scale:**

The *Portakabin Ultima* building has overall dimensions of 12234mm x 6870mm with an overall height of 3512mm (see plan & elevation drawing).

### **5.5- Landscaping:**

The *Portakabin Ultima* building will be sited on a hard standing play area. No other landscaping will be installed as a result of this application.

### **5.6-Appearance:**

The *Portakabin Ultima* building is prefabricated at *Portakabin Limited*, New Lane, Huntington, York. The building has an external honesty yellow colour scheme to fit in with most site applications. External walls are of a durable one-piece construction with high-performance, low-maintenance plastisol-coated galvanised steel cladding to offer protection against fire, extreme weather and accidental damage. The roof deck is of one-piece construction and is impact resistant. It is covered with solar-reflective, profiled aluminium-zinc coated steel to reduce heat gain. Internally, the polyester-coated galvanised steel ceiling is designed to prevent condensation problems and has a low-maintenance finish.

Internally, the walls are of vinyl-faced plasterboard, providing a wipe-clean finish. The *Portakabin Ultima* building has been chosen because it is a flexible solution that can be hired for the required time and removed at the end of that period. The prefabricated and temporary nature of the buildings results in minimal impact on the environment in terms of both construction and use.

## 5.7- Access:

### 5.7.1 -Vehicular and Transport Links

The proposed site location is contained within the school site, in close proximity to existing school buildings. As this building is a direct replacement for an existing classroom which is under refurbishment there will be no increase in pupil or staff numbers and therefore no increased traffic to the site.

### 5.7.2 - Access

The proposed *Portakabin Ultima* building will be made accessible by the installation of steps to the main entrance door. This will be a like for like replacement for the existing classroom which is currently accessed by steps.

## 6-Conclusion

The *Portakabin Ultima* building was chosen as a result of the flexible solution it provides. It can be installed quickly enabling the school to begin using the specifically fitted out classroom building much more quickly than a traditional build, and it can easily be removed with little impact on the school and the surrounding area when the accommodation is no longer required.