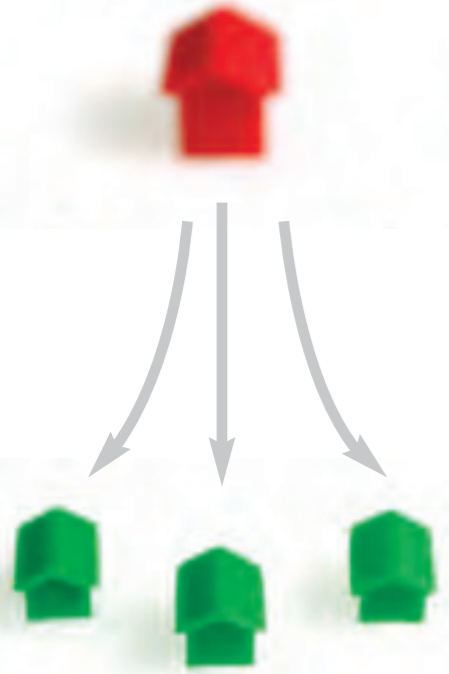


CONTEMPORARY TWO-STOREY OFFICE BLOCK CONVERTS INTO EXTRA CLASSROOMS AT THREE SEPARATE SCHOOLS IN JUST SIX WEEKS!



Procuring a building is complex; but when the procurement involves relocating and reshaping existing buildings, changing layouts and then, several weeks later, relocating the buildings again – it's enough to give the most experienced manager a headache!

Making use of existing resources is often the preferred option for organisations today that are affected by budget cuts and efficiency planning. This is where the flexibility and speed of delivery of modular buildings can take away all the hassle of the process and still deliver high-quality results.

When it comes to relocating, reconfiguring or redesigning buildings, many private and public sector establishments are finding that only *Portakabin* has the scale of resources and expertise necessary to maximise the use of available space and existing buildings. The benefits of reconfiguring and relocating *Portakabin* buildings without any impact on quality is also being realised by several councils across the UK, with some first-class results.

A complex project undertaken quickly and efficiently!

Kier Construction was recently awarded a contract to create a £4 million purpose-built secondary school in South Lanarkshire for 60 pupils with social, emotional and behavioural needs (SEBN).

The firm needed to first demolish two existing 40 year-old buildings, before relocating an eight year-old, three-storey *Portakabin* building that would temporarily form part of the new campus. After site works were completed, the building would be moved back to its original location. Re-using the original building in this way allowed Kier to shorten the timescale for entry by six months and to save on traditional construction.

John Gilchrist, Project Manager for Kier Construction, says: "This was a complex project due to the logistics of removing a three-storey building and then relocating it a few weeks later back on the site. It was important to us to work with an

organisation with large resources to support the new structural designs and develop a first-class solution.

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Portakabin worked closely with Kier's design team to identify what work was required and how it would be undertaken.

John explains: "Once back on site, we refurbished and re-clad the *Portakabin* building so that it continues to provide a high-quality environment that has been tailor made to meet the school's needs."



Office accommodation prior to relocation



Relocate and reconfigure to suit your needs

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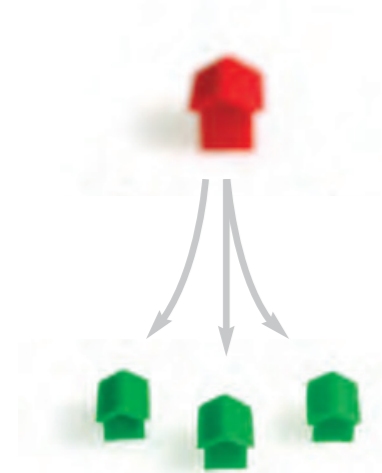
Office blocks convert to classrooms with no impact on warranty or peace of mind

Hall Construction in Hull also turned to *Portakabin* to help Rotherham City Council meet the needs of local primary schools with increased pupil intake.

Portakabin had previously supplied the council with office buildings that were no longer required. So when the need arose for additional classrooms at three schools, *Portakabin* was able to relocate, reconfigure and reinstall the buildings, saving the council significant time and expense.

Pete Shaw from Hall Construction, says: “This project really demonstrated just how flexible modular buildings from *Portakabin* are, as well as their use as a future-proof solution to accommodation needs.

“Our brief was to deliver high-quality accommodation within a tight timeframe and so the ability to relocate and reconfigure the existing buildings meant that we could carry out the work in the timescale required. *Portakabin* was also able to transfer the warranty on the buildings to the new buildings. This meant that the council could benefit from the same level of peace of mind and assurance.”



Helen Billington from *Portakabin*, says: “A huge advantage of using modular buildings is the ability to reformat and relocate the buildings to new locations as needs change. In the case of this project with Rotherham City Council, we dismantled a two-storey *Ultima* office building as well as two of our large *Titan* buildings, split the buildings up and reinstalled them as classrooms at three separate schools.”

Portakabin Ultima modules can be configured and reconfigured in an endless variety of ways across multiple storeys. As well as its infinite flexibility, the *Portakabin Ultima* building system is one of the most energy-efficient products on the market.

Reconfigured and reinstalled in just six weeks!

Despite difficult access restrictions, the project was completed in just six weeks; on time and on budget. The schools were also able to use the existing air-conditioning system to ensure the classrooms were comfortable and provided an optimum working environment all year round.

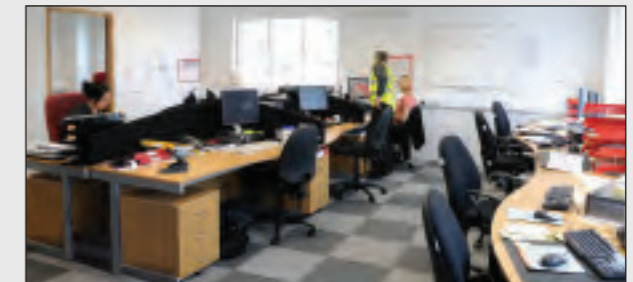
Helen explains: “We’re finding that organisations today are looking for ways they can reuse their existing resources and assets, to keep costs low and efficiencies high. Our customers are finding that by choosing a modular solution from *Portakabin*, they can take a flexible approach to building requirements and minimise the effects of future changes, without any impact at all on quality. And that’s a very strong proposition for lots of forward-thinking organisations today.”

To find out more about the flexibility of our modular buildings why not take a look at our comprehensive case studies at www.portakabin.co.uk/casestudies

TIMELINE...



2010 – Office accommodation prior to its reconfiguration



2010 – Original office delivered on time and on budget



2012 – Offices were reconfigured and relocated to three schools



2012 – Fully-fitted, climate controlled classrooms



2012 – Classrooms in new locations converted from offices