

# HardiePlank®

Holy Cross Primary  
School, Swindon

## Modern learning for Holy Cross pupils

A much needed new primary school building in Swindon has been finished ahead of schedule by Beard Construction.

Following a Design & Build model, the project was delivered to a challenging timescale and went from drawing board to completion in just 43 weeks.

Working for clients the Clifton Diocese and Swindon Borough Council, Holy Cross School brings 2,000m<sup>2</sup> of additional classrooms and facilities for 420 pupils. The new school will not only help to meet the increased demand for primary school places in the centre of Swindon, but will also provide a first class education facility and modern learning environment for local children.

Working closely with architect Cullinan Design, Beard Construction used HardiePlank® weatherboard in a mix of bold, bright colours - Parkside Pine and Ocean Blue - interspersed with white and black to create a fresh, fun and contemporary aesthetic.

The look was completed using a vertical installation method to create a striking visual effect in upright stripes.

Matthew Bennett, site manager for Beard Construction said "Due to the challenging project

delivery date, working with an easy to install product like HardiePlank® weatherboard was especially important to ensure a quick turn-around on site.

"HardiePlank® boards are easy to cut and fit, especially using the Gecko gauge tool to speed up installation times further.

It was also really helpful that HardiePlank® was available to us when needed with a short lead time for delivery."

"The additional services offered by James Hardie - such as on-site training for our installers - really added value. I was impressed!"



### At a glance

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