



***Bower Grove School,
clockwise from top:
The new extension; new
reception; central street***

Extension and rationalisation programme completed for Bower Grove School, Maidstone

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This project is part of a county-wide special school review programme undertaken by Kent County Council's Property Group.

As part of this process Bower Grove School, a SEN school for children from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 4, has been re-designated as a behavioural, emotional and social difficulty (BESD) School, and has undergone major development and rationalisation.

Improvements include the construction of a new single storey extension which houses general teaching classrooms, a new music room, art room, design technology room, food technology room and student common room, as well as the construction of a new state-of-the-art sports hall and reception.

A key feature of the rationalisation programme is the central internal "street" which links the different elements of the school building and which also incorporates social spaces, spill out zones and withdrawal areas.

Sustainability was an important part of the brief. The new extensions are constructed to higher insulation levels than required by the Building Regulations. Wherever possible natural lighting and ventilation has been incorporated, and sun shading added to key glazed elements to minimise solar gain.

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