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## **YORKON AWARDED CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTORS 'BEYOND COMPLIANCE' CERTIFICATION FOR NEW SCHOOL PROJECT**

**Off-site specialist and Portakabin subsidiary, Yorkon, has achieved Performance Beyond Compliance certification under the Considerate Constructors Scheme, for its construction of a new primary school in Wales.**

Following two visits to the Church of Wales School site at Newbridge-on-Wye, the Considerate Constructors monitor assessed Yorkon's operations in areas such as environment, site cleanliness, safety, responsibility, respect and accountability.

Yorkon was awarded a certificate of Performance Beyond Compliance with a final score of 86 per cent, exceeding UK industry averages of 77 per cent.

The Yorkon site team was commended for its excellent level of engagement with the school, the high standard of presentation of the site, and the decision to carry out installation of power cabling during school holidays to minimise disruption to teaching.

Other initiatives included:

- organising a painting competition for pupils to mark the arrival of the building on site
- segregation of waste for recycling
- regular communications with the school's head teacher
- a monthly prize for site operatives to promote safety.

Commenting on this accolade, David Johnson, Director and General Manager of Yorkon, said, "This is a major achievement for the Yorkon project team and we are delighted it has been recognised in this way. Off-site construction minimises disruption on site, and is much safer than traditional building methods, but what the team has achieved at Newbridge-on-Wye goes far beyond that in terms of consideration for the school and the local community."

The £1.7m contract awarded to Yorkon was for the off-site construction of a new primary school for Powys County Council, comprising 18 steel-framed modules which were craned into position in just three days. /continued...

The scheme replaces a sub-standard 1960s school building with new facilities which include four classrooms, administrative offices and a new community crèche.

The building has been designed to minimise any impact on the environment and is expected to achieve a BREEAM excellent rating with a number sustainable features such as a biomass boiler, passive ventilation, solar panels and rainwater harvesting.

**For further information about off-site construction, visit [www.yorkon.info](http://www.yorkon.info), call 01904 610990 or email [contact@yorkon.co.uk](mailto:contact@yorkon.co.uk).**

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#### Editor's Notes

1. The advantages of off-site construction include:
  - programme times reduced by up to 50 per cent, allowing earlier completion
  - reduced disruption to existing operations and the local community during construction
  - fewer vehicle movements to site
  - safer, quieter and cleaner construction
  - improved quality and reduced future maintenance
  - a high level of design flexibility internally and externally
  - buildings can be expanded without decanting
  - improved thermal efficiency for lower running costs and reduced carbon emissions
  - better cost control and reduced material wastage
  - consistent delivery on time and on budget.

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2. Off-site construction involves the manufacture of steel-framed modules in a controlled factory environment, using production line technology, whilst the foundation works are completed on site.

The modules are delivered to site by road where they are craned into position in just a few days ready for the final stages of fitting out.

3. If you wish to publish a telephone number for further information, the number for Yorkon is **01904 610990**. Please do not print the agency's number.