



# Education Press Release

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## NEXT GENERATION OF ECO LOG CLASSROOMS

*Moving classes out of some of the dilapidated temporary classrooms that exist in many schools can be a reality. However, for many this isn't the case and with funding cuts many schools are not yet in a position to offer such facilities, however, New Forest Log Cabins have come up with a cost effective solution to the problem that not only provided an Eco friendly place to learn, but offers the school an economic alternative to providing School Classrooms.*

*John Rudd of New Forest Log Cabins explains: "More and more Schools are looking for help to find an alternative to brick built or the Portacabin style of building as a way of creating more classroom space, however, many of these were traditionally only ever designed as temporary buildings and needed to be replaced. Log Classrooms are now becoming a more attractive alternative and it's not just because of the associated costs. We've developed a range of high quality solid log Eco Classrooms which can be used to provide a secure and versatile teaching place from sustainable materials which are both environmentally friendly with very low carbon content at a cost that represents excellent value for money."*

*More Local Authorities are coming to recognise that innovative techniques, including Off-Site Construction may be needed to deliver this programme. Modern modular buildings which comply with the latest building regulations can be used to provide both improved temporary classrooms, while existing school buildings are refurbished or replaced and inspiring permanent buildings are delivered and ready for use in only 8 weeks.*

*As well as using modular buildings for temporary use, many existing schools are enjoying the benefits of modular construction for providing additional permanent school buildings that they need. By specifying Off-Site Construction, they can minimise disruption on site and the health and safety risks associated with long-term building projects in school grounds. Modular buildings can be successfully used for:*

- Classrooms and Classroom Blocks
- Changing Facilities
- Laboratories
- Offices and Crèches
- Nurseries and Day-Care Centres



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*Modular construction used to be only considered for temporary classrooms, but it can be used equally effectively to provide high quality permanent classrooms and other educational facilities. Temporary classrooms are still available for emergency and short term use, such as if a number of classrooms were out of use, either for an emergency, like a fire or if the school was having some building work done then a temporary building would be ideal.*

*When considering the Carbon Footprint of your building, constructing from wood as compared to "traditional build" structure is both environmentally friendly and energy efficient. Wood is a natural material and is therefore close to people's hearts and is the first choice for all seasons. Its insulation qualities ensure that heating and air conditioning cost are kept to a minimum which makes them ideal for School Classroom.*

*With the recent spate of Government cutbacks, it's comforting to know that New Forest Log Cabins are building Log Classrooms, Canteen Facilities, Sports Pavilions and Temporary Log Buildings that meet Ofsted and Building Control requirements, and what's more, they are extremely Energy Efficient, have a very low Carbon Footprint and are fantastic places for children to learn.*

*Feedback from Head teachers and Teaching staff have demonstrated that the learning environment created by our Log Classrooms increases children's awareness and they are able to focus better because of the ambiance created within the Log Building. This also goes for teachers as well since the open vaulted ceilings and natural feeling of wood is a great place for both Teachers and Children to work.*

*So those are just a couple of plus points as to why you should consider a Log Building from New Forest Log Cabins as an alternative to conventional brick or temporary, outdated buildings. But that's not all; the big benefit is that they cost 30% less to build than a conventional classroom and cost 30% less to heat.*

*The Log Schools Information Pack of products are available online by visiting [www.newforestlogcabins.co.uk](http://www.newforestlogcabins.co.uk) Alternatively you can e-mail us on [adminoffice@newforestlogcabins.co.uk](mailto:adminoffice@newforestlogcabins.co.uk) or call 01202 868844 and ask for John Rudd.*

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