

## Felmore Primary School



### At a glance

#### Location

Felmore Primary School  
Basildon, Essex, England

#### The challenge

To create an 'Inspirational Domes' project for creative, environmental and educational learning.

#### The solution

SOLARDOME<sup>®</sup> Sanctuary and  
SOLARDOME<sup>®</sup> Retreat

**An 'Inspirational Domes' project recognised by OFSTED as enhancing primary school's cross-curricular, creative and environmental projects.**

Felmore Primary School, supported by Creative Partnerships in Thames Gateway and Veolia Cleanaway has built an 'Inspirational Domes' project for creative, environmental and educational learning within the grounds of the school.

Environmental arts company Circling the Square was commissioned to work with the school on a design and build basis; planning and designing with pupils and staff the three dome structures and landscaped areas that constitute Felmore School's own 'Mini Eden Project'.

The design process included pupils and teachers going on research trips to the Eden Project in Cornwall and Writtle Horticultural College in Chelmsford, investigating 'dome' projects in the UK and Europe and on-going creative learning sessions to maximise the potential use of the scheme.

The project comprises three dome structures. Two of these domes are geodesic glass Solardome® structures; one for housing tropical plants and the other for multi-functional educational activities. The smaller 'eco' Solardome® glasshouse will house tropical plants (similar to the biomes at the Eden Project) and the larger 'atelier' dome will be multi-functional, with space for a wide range of creative learning activities, sensory learning, movement, creative participatory workshops and interactive exhibitions. This will be a stimulating space for running 'hands on' workshops linked to environmental themes across the school curriculum.

The third 'amphitheatre' dome will incorporate raised tiered seating levels around an activity, storytelling, performance and teaching area. Encompassing Art, English, Design & Technology, Maths, Science, Geography and History, the 'Inspirational Domes' project aims to promote cross-disciplinary environment-themed learning that is relevant to the whole primary school curriculum.

According to the school's OFSTED report in 2008:

**"The school's new 'Inspirational Domes' in the grounds are providing good additional opportunities to experience cross-curricular, creative and environment projects."**

### More information

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