

Abbey View Primary School



TOTAL COST £6.8M
TARGET END DATE 2019

RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS



Project Description

Sectors

- Education, Primary

Project profile

- A state-of-the-art primary school

Client

- Buckinghamshire County Council

Stage

- In progress

Location

- South East

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This two-storey building has the potential to offer 420 primary school places, with an additional 52 pre-school places, and will be constructed in two phases.

The first phase will provide 210 primary school places and 26 pre-school places, with the second phase expansion linked to future residential developments. The project also includes external works and associated car parking for 55 cars and three motorcycles, external play areas, a multi-use games area (MUGA) and first class sports facilities.

Morgan Sindall Construction was appointed to the scheme via the Southern Construction Framework, which is available as a vehicle for public bodies in the South of England to procure major building works.

David Rowsell, Northern Home Counties area director for Morgan Sindall Construction, said: "Abbey View Primary Academy is going to be a fantastic school that will provide a wonderful learning environment for children from High Wycombe. It's brilliant that before it has even been delivered, the school has been a source of inspiration, education and engagement for the next generation of construction professionals and people of all ages across the community.

"Over the course of our time on site, we have invested significantly in the local community – delivering almost 20 weeks of training time with young construction trainees from Bucks UTC, creating new roles for people from the local area, and welcoming over 100 people to site.

"We are passionate about inspiring and developing of the next generation of construction professionals and we hope our vibrant programme of placements, site visits, events, and tours will encourage people to look beyond the hoardings, get a good insight into the construction process and potentially be inspired to explore career paths within the sector."

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Enhancing communities



People from across the community have been welcomed to site during a number of site open days and visits hosted by the project team, including the Open Doors initiative.

Over 100 people have visited the project and toured the site with the project team to get a peek behind the hoardings and learn more about the construction process.

Improving the environment



The school is being constructed using an innovative, highly sustainable, off-site construction system which utilises structural insulated panels (SIPS) that enable high-quality buildings to be delivered quickly and affordably.

Working together with our supply chain



The project team is adding social value through procurement, with two social enterprises on the project. The team collaborated with Community Wood Recycling, a network of social enterprises that collects and reuses waste wood in the most environmentally beneficial way and creates jobs and training for disadvantaged people. A large proportion of the project supply chain has also been drawn from the local area.

Developing people



We are helping to develop the next generation of construction professionals through partnering with Buckinghamshire University Technical College in Aylesbury to develop an outstanding work experience programme. Over the life of the scheme, seven students have had the opportunity to train on the site - gaining valuable, real-world experience.

The use of new techniques on site is providing a great opportunity for students to see first-hand how contemporary modular methods are being put into practice and gain experience working on a site where many elements of the delivery integrate an off-site approach.

Over 80 weeks of training time have been delivered on site since the build began and the project team's commitment to investing in the community has deepened engagement with young people from the local area looking to enter the sector and helped to boost skill levels in the community.

Five new jobs have also been created as a result of the scheme, including trainee site managers, site engineer, forklift driver and a traffic marshal, with vacancies to provide on-site support being filled by local candidates.

Sarah Valentine, Principal at Bucks UTC, said: "Providing students with real-world on-site experience is key to their development as construction professionals - enabling them to see new construction techniques in action and experience best-practice operations in a busy live site environment. This complements the curriculum on their Building Studies course and provides a great, practical perspective.

"The Morgan Sindall Construction team has been a brilliant source of inspiration for our students. Their work experience placements at Abbey View Primary Academy have been extremely rewarding and enabled them to gain really valuable experience with an outstanding team. We'd like to thank the Morgan Sindall Construction team for their enthusiasm and for giving so freely of their time and knowledge while supporting and encouraging our students."

