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Morgan Sindall completes Oak Lodge Special Educational Needs school

Morgan Sindall has completed a £6.8 million expansion project at Oak Lodge School in Barnet.

Oak Lodge School is a special academy, managed by Barnet Special Education Trust, for students aged 11-19 with a range of learning difficulties. The OFSTED rated 'Outstanding' school is a highly-accessible school site to ensure young people with physical disabilities are able to be included in all learning.

With a striking blue and white tiled exterior, the two-storey building comprises eight classrooms, two therapy rooms, a PE hall, staff preparation areas and an administration block. It also features a music and art therapy room and two wet-room style hygiene rooms with specially-equipped benches that can be raised and lowered to accommodate the students' needs.

The Morgan Sindall project team also delivered a sensory garden area for students to enjoy and a large easily-accessible car park for the mini-buses that transport many of the students to and from the school.

Lynda Walker, Headteacher at Oak Lodge School, said: "Oak Lodge is now over 100 years old and we are delighted that our new Centenary building will enable us to continue to provide outstanding education for the young people in Barnet."

Neil Franklin, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "Schools like Oak Lodge are truly exceptional places providing the very best support and learning opportunities for children with special educational needs. The facilities at the new building are fantastic and we have worked incredibly closely with the school on this project.

"This is a key resource for Barnet and we're very pleased to have been able to use our extensive expertise in constructing education developments to provide a secure, innovative and exciting learning space for pupils at Oak Lodge."

Morgan Sindall has also recently been appointed to carry out a £3.8 million scheme to expand Etonbury Academy in Bedfordshire. The project for Bedfordshire East Multi Academy Trust (BEMAT) is part of Central Bedfordshire Council's school places programme and follows the successful completion of a £6.8 million expansion that the firm delivered at the school in 2016.

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