Morgan Sindall delivering over 1,000 new primary places for Southwark

Morgan Sindall is now on-site delivering 1,155 new places at six primary schools across the London Borough of Southwark.

The developments are part of the Borough’s significant wider investment to deliver more primary places across the community, with millions earmarked for expansion and new buildings at popular and oversubscribed schools.

As part of the expansion projects, Morgan Sindall’s construction teams are remodelling four existing schools and delivering two new builds for the borough. The work was procured directly by the council through the iESE (Improvement and Efficiency South East) framework. The £1 billion framework is one of the main public sector construction frameworks in London and the South East for the education and health sectors.

Morgan Sindall is now on site at Albion Primary School, Charles Dickens Primary School, Grange Primary School, Bellenden Primary School, Robert Browning Primary School and Belham Free School to enable the borough to cope with rising demand for primary school places.

The new build projects include the delivery of a new building for Albion Primary School. The two-storey development on Albion Road will feature high-quality teaching and learning space and will enable the school to become a two-form entry primary school, accommodating 420 pupils (an additional 210 pupils above its existing capacity). The new school will also feature indoor and outdoor playing and learning areas, including a roof garden.

Morgan Sindall is also delivering a new building to house Bellenden Primary School in Reedham Street in Southwark. The development will allow the school to expand to accommodate an additional 210 pupils.

Meanwhile, under the programme of expansion works, the Morgan Sindall team is remodelling and upgrading four further Southwark schools. Charles Dickens Primary School has been extended to become a two-form entry school, allowing it to grow intake by 105 pupils. Robert Browning Primary School in Walworth has undergone an expansion to enable it to grow to a two-form entry, accommodating an additional 105 pupils. Grange Primary School on Webb Street is also being expanded to allow it to accommodate an additional 105 pupils.

Morgan Sindall is also refurbishing the site of the Old Bellenden School in Bellenden Road and the new Belham Free School will be based in the refurbished building. The project involves the restoration of the existing Victorian school building for use by a new generation of children. The new school will be able to accommodate 420 pupils.

Cllr Victoria Mills, cabinet member for children and schools, said: “Expanding great schools that are heavily over-subscribed to meet the rising demand for places across the borough is one of the council’s top priorities. By working with local schools and Morgan Sindall we can not only ensure local children can attend a school of their choice but we are also creating amazing new learning environments that will help raise standards of education.”

Richard Dobson, Morgan Sindall area director, said: “We’re delighted to be on-site and making
good progress in delivering this major package of works for the London Borough of Southwark. The borough is investing to create a first-class educational experience for children across its communities, and it’s great to be working to deliver that vision.

“Working closely with local authorities to deliver quality projects within the constraints presented by budgets and tight city-centre locations is something our business is adept in achieving. By thinking innovatively and redefining possibilities, we’re working to deliver smart solutions that are enabling our boroughs to extract maximum value from their resources and deliver fantastic, future-fit schools for our children.

“Our project teams are extremely community-focused and are working closely with school staff, parents and local residents to minimise disruption caused by construction work and make the build process as positive as possible for everyone involved.”

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