

# News

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## **Morgan Sindall delivers new £10 million North London primary school**

Morgan Sindall has successfully delivered a £10 million primary school in North London.

The new primary school is a long-awaited addition for London Academy, an existing secondary school with a sixth form provision in Edgware. The new school will allow London Academy to become an 'all-through school' accommodating pupils from 4-19 years old.

The primary school for the London Borough of Barnet comprises 14 spacious classrooms, two communal assembly halls and a kitchen area. The two-form entry facility also features a central atrium, which is flooded with natural light, and several unique teaching spaces including; an outdoor learning terrace, a central breakout space and a concrete auditorium, where children can learn whilst seated on theatre-style gradient steps.

The Morgan Sindall project team has been committed to sustainable best practice throughout the 67-week project which has received a Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM) rating of Very Good. The school is partially powered by solar panels and includes a specialised 'breathing building' where automatic vents are used to control the temperature and level of CO2.

The first two year groups have already moved into the school and will be joined by other school years progressively. At full capacity the school will accommodate 420 pupils.

Angela Trigg, Executive Principal at AIM Academies Trust, said: "We are extremely pleased with the new primary building. Morgan Sindall has successfully delivered a building that fully reflects the beautiful design and educational vision of both London Academy and AIM Academies Trust."

Councillor Reuben Thompstone, Chairman of the Children, Education, Libraries and Safeguarding Committee, said: "I'm delighted that the new London Academy Primary School has joined our family of schools, and will play its part in providing a first class education to our children.

"This fantastic new school is the culmination of a great deal of hard work between the council, the AIM Academies Trust and the Department for Education. It will play an important role in ensuring our schools keep pace with the demand for places in the borough.

"The new building provides a really inspirational space for children to learn and enjoy their time at school and I congratulate everyone involved in delivering such an outstanding building."

Neil Franklin, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "London Academy is innovative in design and is already providing pupils in Edgware with a modern and creative education base.

"The project was unique in its delivery and included the modular construction of classrooms where over half were pre-fabricated off-site and craned into place. Specialist materials were also used to create the distinct blue and white checkered, glazed block-work exterior.

"We're delighted to have completed London Academy and look forward to delivering further projects for the London Borough of Barnet."

Morgan Sindall's Welwyn Garden City office has recently been appointed to construct a £16.9 million highways and waste distribution depot in Houghton Regis, Dunstable. The project for Central Bedfordshire Council is already underway and includes the construction of a household waste recycling centre and a depot for the highways team of Central Bedfordshire.

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