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Morgan Sindall hands over £5.6 million Finberry Primary School development

Morgan Sindall Construction and Infrastructure has held a celebratory ceremony to mark the opening of Finberry Primary School in Ashford, Kent, which signifies completion of the first phase of work.

The second phase of the project will see the school transformed from a one-form to a two-form entry facility accommodating 450 pupils.

The Morgan Sindall team presented the school with a commemorative plaque and the site was officially opened by the Deputy Mayor of Ashford, Councillor Jessamy Blanford.

Guests were then given the opportunity to tour the new school's facilities and meet staff. The ceremony also included children's entertainment such as a bouncy castle, face painting and a falconry display, live music and a BBQ.

The £5.6 million project for Kent County Council (KCC) included the construction of nine classrooms, a nursery area and a Special Educational Needs (SEN) resource room. The build also features a main reception area, school hall facility and kitchen.

The two-storey building has a steel frame structure and its brickwork is partially clad in vibrant orange and yellow panels.

The Morgan Sindall team also delivered external landscaping to the site, which included a sports pitch, a multi-use games area, a soft play and habitat area and a covered outdoor learning space.

Keith Abbott, KCC's Director of Education Planning and Access, said: "We are extremely pleased with the quality of work by Morgan Sindall and the way in which they have delivered this contract for us and the new school, which we are sure will rapidly become an important part of this developing community."

Stella Scharinger, Headteacher at Finberry Primary School, said "We are so pleased to be moving into the first phase of this incredible building. This marks another step in the journey of Finberry Primary School to provide outstanding teaching and learning facilities to its pupils and the local community. We are extremely excited to begin the school year in such a great setting and look forward to establishing the School as the thriving Hub of the Finberry community."

Julien Jones, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "We're very pleased and proud to be celebrating the successful delivery of the new Finberry Primary School. This scheme has created a pleasant, modern teaching and learning environment with state-of-the-art facilities that will serve the community for years to come.

"Morgan Sindall and our project team have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the school community during our time on-site and we wish staff and students the best of luck in their new school."

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