

# News

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## **Morgan Sindall wins £5.75 million project to double capacity at Norfolk primary school**

The £5.75 million upgrade to a popular south Norfolk primary school is underway, following the appointment of Morgan Sindall.

Roydon Primary School, near Diss, will undergo a major expansion that will almost double its student capacity to 420 places.

The project, on behalf of Norfolk County Council, will create eight new classrooms, a main hall, food tech room, reception area, offices, toilets and storage space. Teachers will also be given a new staffroom as part of the expansion.

Sections of the school's main building, which dates back to 1886, will be refurbished, including the library. The project will also involve the removal of four old mobile classrooms from the school site at the end of the works, which are expected to be completed in 2019.

The scheme is part of a £169 million investment by Norfolk County Council to increase the number of local school places in Norfolk by building new and extended schools in growing communities. The programme has already created more than 4,800 extra school places since 2013, with more to come.

Saul Humphrey, managing director of Morgan Sindall's East region, said: "We're pleased and proud to be working with Norfolk County Council to deliver this major expansion, which will double capacity and enhance the facilities on offer at Roydon Primary School - future-proofing this fantastic school's offering for generations to come.

"We're looking forward to providing an outstanding learning and teaching environment that will help to meet growing demand for more school places in Roydon and Diss and the wider community.

"This will be one of six school expansions or new builds carried out by Morgan Sindall in Norfolk under the current framework. Together, these projects have created hundreds of new modern school places for local children in the county."

Sarah Bradford, head teacher at Roydon Primary School, said: "The staff and children are delighted that work has started to create a fabulous, modern and versatile building that will help us to provide the very best education we can for our local children.

"Having been using every available space for many years, it will be wonderful for children to be learning in purpose-built areas that have been designed to support the curriculum.

"Even in these early stages, we very much appreciate the experience and patience of the Morgan Sindall team who understand the challenges of working in a live environment; we feel reassured that the children's school experience will remain very high on their priority list."

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