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Salisbury school to double in size thanks to expansion project

A popular Salisbury primary school will soon benefit from a major expansion which will double the school places available and provide a vibrant new academic environment.

Morgan Sindall has been appointed to deliver a £2.6 million expansion at Old Sarum School in Salisbury. A further £60,000 will be spent on the project including providing a mobile classroom hire and furniture and equipment.

The project for Wiltshire Council will include the delivery of a two-storey steel frame building which will be made up of seven classrooms and a studio.

The expansion will allow the school, which currently accommodates 210 pupils, to go from a one to a two, form entry facility for 420 pupils. Morgan Sindall will also deliver additional playground areas, car parking and a drop off zone at the south end of the school. The project will take 38 weeks to complete and will be delivered in a live school environment.

Laura Mayes, cabinet member for children's services at Wiltshire Council said: "This development is part of our wider long-term investment programme to ensure young people in Wiltshire can learn in a thriving academic environment with sufficient places for all. I'm looking forward to seeing the opportunities this new development at this popular school will provide."

John Jones, head teacher at Old Sarum School, said: "This is an exciting time for Old Sarum Primary School. The plans for the building look beautiful. The expansion will give our pupils wonderful new facilities and resources. Everyone in the school is looking forward to enjoying this excellent learning environment."

Jon Daines, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "We're so pleased to have been appointed to this important scheme which will help alleviate the pressure on primary school places in Salisbury.

"We will draw upon our extensive experience working on live education projects across the UK to ensure that there is minimal disruption to children, staff and parents during the construction process.

"Morgan Sindall is very experienced in projects of this nature and we look forward to a successful project which will no doubt enhance the learning experience of the children and young people who attend Old Sarum School."

The expansion is part of Wiltshire Council's £93 million three year investment programme to create sufficient school places to accommodate pupil numbers in Wiltshire. A further £10 million is also earmarked for school maintenance over the three years. The programme is part of the Wiltshire School Places Strategy which is regularly reviewed. The funding for the investment programme comes from the Department for Education and Section 106 contributions from developers.

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