

PRIMARY & SEN PROGRAMME UPDATE

Northwood Community Primary School

Due to open on the 18th April 2011 the new Northwood Community Primary School is located next to the site of All Saints, Catholic Centre for Learning on Roughwood Drive.

Accommodating 2 forms of entry the school will bring together Overdale School, Simonswood School and the services of the Northern Primary Support Centre. The school will also include a Children's Centre offering children under the age of five and their families a broad range of high quality services. Balfour Beatty our construction partners started on-site in March this year and the project is progressing to programme and the structure is starting to replicate the original artist impression of the school.



The Head teacher for the new school has been appointed and the staffing structure developed and agreed. The current focus is on the interior design of the school including colours, finishes and furniture. The new school will include facilities which can be used 'out of hours' such as Parent and Family Rooms, conference facilities and external sports pitches.

Staff visits to the new site have been well received and have allowed staff to gain an appreciation of the size of the rooms and the overall layout of their new school.



North Huyton



In April 2011 both St Dominic's Infants and Juniors primary schools will close and all pupils and staff will transfer to the new Hope Primary School (a Joint Catholic and Church of England Primary School). This will be located on Christ the King's campus. The new 2 form entry school will also have a nursery for 52 children, be an extended school, and provide family learning and other extended activities benefitting both pupils and the local community. Similar to Northwood, Balfour Beatty started on Site in March this year and work is progressing according to plan.

Since September, there have been fortnightly site visits for staff giving them a first hand view of their new workspaces. We have also worked closely with the Executive Headteacher, Belinda Basnett to develop activities that can engage the children including two assemblies. The first focussed on Health and Safety on a building site and the second was called 'Guess the Trade' (photograph below).



Halewood

Starting on site in August this year Balfour Beatty has commenced the building of the replacement Greengates Primary School. The new 1 form entry primary school, headed up by Matthew Copping, will not only incorporate the services of Southern Primary Support Centre as a centre of excellence for specialist provision, but will also accommodate the Outreach team currently based in Southern Area Support Centre who provide a range of services to pupils across the borough.

The new school will be located on the Halewood Centre for Learning site. A recent photograph of the site is shown below.



Similar to all projects we have a communication and engagement plan which details a range of activities for stakeholders to be involved in including site visits, events and assemblies with the construction team. The first assemblies occurred last month and focussed on 'Health and Safety' on a building site. This was well received by staff and pupils who seemed excited about the move to their new school.



Park Brow

The Park Brow project will see the rebuild of Park Brow School, pupils from both sites on Broad lane and Rockford Avenue will be united in the new 2 form entry primary school which will continue to offer excellent education provision for the local area.

The construction company, Morgan Sindall started on-site in August this year and are on-target to hand over the completed school in August 2011. The project is progressing to programme and a recent photograph of the site development is shown below.



Work is continuing on the interior design of the school including colours, finishes and furniture. The new school will include facilities which can be used 'out of hours' such as Parent and Family Rooms, conference facilities and external sports pitches.

Site visits have been arranged in the New Year and the first assemblies occurred last month with pupils, focussing on 'Health and Safety' on a building site. The children were able to get 'dressed up' in the construction health and safety clothes and ask questions about their new school.

Stockbridge Village



The Stockbridge Village Regeneration project, established on the old Heatwaves leisure centre site in the heart of Stockbridge Village, will include a 1 form entry community primary school with a children's centre and family centre, neighbourhood centre containing the library facilities, a swimming pool, state of the art gym and leisure facilities, a police access point, an outdoor play area and multi-use games area (MUGA), as well as an improved retail facility.

This new 1 form entry primary school will bring together Brookside Community Primary and Nine Tree Primary.

Pupils from both primary schools have taken part in 'Health and Safety' assemblies and have enjoyed dressing up in the appropriate construction clothes as well as having the opportunity to ask questions about their new school (images below of the new development and pupil assembly in Nine Tree Primary).



Special Educational Needs Facility in Kirkby

A new school for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) will open in Southdene, Kirkby in September 2012. Located on the site of Kirkby Sports College, Centre for Learning the school will bring together pupils from Springfield School and The Elms School. Due to start on site in the Spring, the new school will be built by Balfour Beatty and will cater for children aged 03-19.

The school will contain a number of excellent new facilities which will be located in the two-storey part of the building which also serves as the main entrance. At the rear, the single storey area will provide accommodation for the Primary, Secondary and Post 16 classrooms, all of which will have direct access to the external areas.

The school will include a Learner Pool, Hydrotherapy Pool, Sports Hall and Performance Hall. In addition there will be a therapy suite and medical inspection room. The first floor will be dedicated to office space and meeting rooms including a conference centre, parent's room and practitioner's office for inter-agency working.

The external landscape has been carefully designed to facilitate pupil drop-off by taxi and mini-bus. The front entrance will be serviced by a number of mini-bus bays and there is a large car park for staff and visitors. There is also a multi-use games area (MUGA) and a large grass pitch.

At the rear of the building, the sensory garden currently at Springfield school will be retained. In addition there is hard and soft landscaping designed to continue the learning experience and provide maximum stimulation.

