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Formal handover marks completion of £5.6 million primary school in Christchurch

Work at a new £5.6 million primary school in Christchurch, Dorset, has officially completed in time for the start of the new academic year in September.

The new Twynham Primary School, on Marsh Lane, has been delivered by national construction and infrastructure company, Morgan Sindall.

The completion of the project for Dorset County Council was marked with a celebratory handover, hosted by Morgan Sindall. The new building will initially accommodate 150 pupils from reception through to year four and will eventually cater for 420 pupils from reception through to year six.

The two-form entry primary school features a traditional masonry brickwork exterior and includes 14 classrooms, a large hall, studio and administrative areas as well as a learning resource zone. Morgan Sindall has also furnished the school with a multi-use games area, a sports pitch and a wildlife area.

As part of the Twynham Learning Multi Academy Trust, the school has been based on its temporary site at the nearby Twynham School during the build.

Jon Daines, area director at Morgan Sindall, said: "We're so pleased to have handed over Twynham Primary School to Dorset County Council and the Christchurch community. We hope all the staff and children will be delighted with their new home.

"We've enjoyed working closely with Dorset County Council and the school to deliver their new building, ensuring that it aligns perfectly with their vision and needs. The new Twynham Primary School has been designed as a centre of excellence for education which we hope will become a well-loved part of the community."

Councillor Margaret Phipps, local member for Commons division, said: "This is a great day for Christchurch. The additional places this school will provide should help alleviate some of the pressure on local families, offering sufficient school places for the area. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been involved, particularly Jon Chapple the head teacher and Chris Stafford, executive business manager, who have both done so much to accommodate displaced children over the past few years. I wish everyone the very best of luck in this fabulous new school."

Councillor Daryl Turner, Cabinet Member at Dorset County Council for the Natural and Built Environment said: "Improving learning facilities for communities in Dorset is a priority for the county council so it is great to see this wonderful new school completed in good time for the beginning of the next school year. This is set to be an excellent educational facility that will serve Christchurch for many years to come."

Debbie Place, Chair of Trustees, Twynham Learning said: "Twynham Learning are very much looking forward to the youngsters of Twynham Primary School being able to occupy this beautiful new school and thank all those involved in ensuring the project was completed".

Morgan Sindall is currently on site at major schemes across the region. In Sherborne, the company is delivering a new £6 million state-of-the-art creative arts centre for the award-winning

independent Sherborne Girls School.

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