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Morgan Sindall starts new phase of work on six South Lanarkshire schools

Morgan Sindall is set to start work on the construction of six new state-of-the-art primary schools in South Lanarkshire – the latest phase in the £150 million Primary School Modernisation Programme in the region.

The company is about to start Phase 2, Tranche 2 of the framework after completing the construction of 13 schools in the first tranche of activity.

Work is set to start imminently on the new £4.8 million Carstairs Village Primary School campus on Avenue Road as well as the new £4.6 million Carstairs Junction Primary School on Coronation Street. Both schools are due to complete in summer 2013 and have been designed to give children a top specification learning environment using sustainable green technology such as biomass boilers.

The other schools to be constructed by Morgan Sindall in the second tranche of Phase 2 of the building programme are Woodside Primary School, Newton Primary School, Machanhill Primary School and Forth Primary School.

South Lanarkshire Council appointed Morgan Sindall to its Primary School Modernisation Programme in 2007. The construction firm is working with two others in constructing 30 primary schools over a four year period; with an anticipated total spend of up to £150 million.

It is part of South Lanarkshire Council's wider £812 million Schools Modernisation Programme which will rebuild all 129 of the area's primary schools by 2016.

The framework provides a simple transparent process to manage and deliver primary school construction projects across South Lanarkshire.

Eddie Carr, area director for Morgan Sindall in Scotland, says: "We are delighted to be starting work on another portion of activity as part of the South Lanarkshire Primary School Modernisation Programme. Our appointment to the framework is a real reflection of our experience and expertise in the sector, which follows our work on 19 secondary schools for the same Council as part of their £320 million Schools Modernisation Programme which completed in 2009.

"Scotland is already well ahead of other areas in terms of replacing schools and South Lanarkshire is one of the first councils to improve its educational stock across the board with more than 74 primary schools and 19 secondary schools being completed to date. It's a real privilege to be working alongside such a forward thinking and proactive council."

Morgan Sindall has already completed work on 13 primary schools in South Lanarkshire, with a collective contract value of £68.1million, as part of Phase 1 of the programme. Completed schools include the new £7 million St. Mary's school in Hamilton as well as Woodpark Primary in Lesmahagow and Craigbank School in Larkhall, both of which have received a £6 million investment.

Updates on the projects and programme for the schools can be found at the dedicated South Lanarkshire Council website, www.slprimaryschools.co.uk.

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