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Morgan Sindall wins £2.7 million King's Lynn school project

Morgan Sindall plc has been appointed to carry out a £2.7 million expansion of St Martha's Catholic Primary School in King's Lynn.

The project for the Roman Catholic Diocese of East Anglia is already underway and will provide the school with a new teaching block, comprising eight additional classrooms, an extended kitchen facility, a new school hall and a multi-use games area.

Morgan Sindall will also deliver hard and soft external landscaping including new planting areas, additional foot paths and a new school car park.

Students will remain on site throughout the construction process, which is due to be completed in time for the 2016 academic year. Temporary classrooms were put in place in 2014 as pupil numbers started to increase, but these will be removed once the new buildings are up and running.

Helen Bates, Assistant Director at the Roman Catholic Diocese said: "This is a shared project between the Diocese and Norfolk County Council, which will not only increase the number of primary school places in this part of King's Lynn, but will also help to meet a growing demand for Catholic school places. The school will eventually increase in size from 210 places to 420, although it will not reach its full capacity until 2021."

Aidan McGovern, headteacher at St Martha's Primary School said: "This is a very exciting development for the school and will allow us to welcome more pupils and cater to the growing demand driven by the rising number of families in the local area.

"Our pupils are already enjoying seeing their new class spaces begin to take shape and the staff are eagerly awaiting the brand new assembly hall and much needed extension to our kitchen facilities."

Gavin Napper, Morgan Sindall area director, said: "We're delighted to have been appointed to this important scheme, which will expand and upgrade St Martha's Primary and provide school users with a great teaching and learning environment. Morgan Sindall has extensive experience in delivering school projects in busy, live environments and, as on all our projects, pupils will be well segregated from the building activity, and meticulous precautions will be taken to ensure that works do not inconvenience school users or the local community. Morgan Sindall is well versed in delivering education projects of this nature and we look forward to delivering a great project for the school."

Morgan Sindall's St Martha's Primary School appointment follows the firm's completion and handover of John Ray Infant and Junior School in Braintree. The £5.8 million project for Essex County Council saw the school completely reconstructed after the original building was destroyed by fire in 2013.

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