

# ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PHASE NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2017

Dear Resident

Welcome to the new St John's Primary School (SJPS) community newsletter. We aim to update you on a regular basis throughout the project and we hope that you find it contains interesting and informative articles on the project during its construction.

GRAHAM Construction has been employed by The City of Edinburgh council to build the new St John's Primary School, which will be completed in summer 2018.

The new school will include a Nursery, All Weather Sports pitch, new park and safe route to school, 15 classrooms, PE rooms, and new staff facilities.

## What We Will Do

Monitor noise, vibration and dust to ensure they are kept within the permitted levels.

Ensure the traffic management system is in place and maintain a safe working environment at all times.

Deal with any enquiries or complaints in a professional and efficient manner and work with our neighbours to reduce the impact our work has on local business and the community.

## Community Engagement

The project team are fully committed to working with the local community during the project, hosting a meet the contractor event on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, with a follow up event planned for October.

Update events will be held every three months to allow local community to find out more about the build progress and regular newsletters will be issued to the neighbours and Primary School.

Please do not hesitate to contact Ailsa Westgarth at [SJPS@graham.co.uk](mailto:SJPS@graham.co.uk) if you have any questions about Community Engagement and local projects.

## Working with St John's Primary

Our community Benefits Advisor, Ailsa Westgarth and Project Manager, Andrew Thomson, met with the head teacher of the existing Primary School, to discuss the ways the project team would work with the school. Next year the school pupils will get a chance to see their new school being built, with short site visits arranged over the duration of the project, we will also be launching a hoarding competition and providing talks to the school about the Dangers of a Construction Site and other engineering activities.

## Work Experience

Over the next year, the team will be providing work experience opportunities to local High School and College students who are interested in careers in construction.

Graham will also be working with employability organisations to provide placements for young people who are not currently in education and are looking for work in the construction industry.

For further information please contact Ailsa Westgarth at [SJPS@graham.co.uk](mailto:SJPS@graham.co.uk).

## GRAHAM Academy

At GRAHAM we are committed to developing a new generation of construction professionals, ensuring a steady pipeline of home grown talent for our future success.

The Academy approach identifies talent through our educational links with schools, universities and colleges.



Having made our selection, we are able to establish the best route into construction for each individual, whether that is a traditional craft apprenticeship, new style technical apprenticeship or sponsored part-time university study.

## Site Progress Photo



Picture 1: The Piling Rig arriving for the test piles



Picture 2: Ground works ahead of the piling mat

## Considerate Constructors Scheme

This site is registered under the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) and as Partners, GRAHAM are committed to improve the image of the construction industry by striving to promote and achieve best practice of all of our sites under the following code:



## Site Works Update

- Site Facilities being installed
- Test piles started
- Preparing piling mat by levelling ground and compacting
- Piling rig onsite and begun piling works

## What's Next?

- Drainage works
- Completion of piling works onsite

- **Care about Appearance** – Constructors should ensure our sites appear professional and well managed
- **Respect the Community** – Constructors should give utmost consideration to our impact on neighbours and the public
- **Protect the Environment** - Constructors should protect and enhance the environment
- **Secure everyone's Safety** - Constructors should attain the highest levels of safety performance
- **Value their Workforce** - Constructors should provide a supportive and caring working environment

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