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## Beckfoot Upper Heaton School Project

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Welcome to Laing O'Rourke's first issue of the Beckfoot Upper Heaton new build school project newsletter.

It's our intention to keep you periodically informed during the development and also give you the opportunity to get in touch at any time if you would like to learn more about the programme.

Construction works are well underway to Beckfoot Upper Heaton School as part of the Yorkshire Schools Programme. The project comprises of a new 3 storey school and separate sports hall. Our construction team are based in the site setup situated off Thorn Lane at the entrance to the site.

Since commencing on site, the team have removed the topsoil from the build area, completed ground compaction, drainage install, foundations and ground floor slab, allowing for precast units that make up the building to start being installed in January 2016. Half of the sport hall slab has also been cast with the other half been undertaken in February



Photos showing the site offices / welfare and the precast columns being erected

**December 2015**

School ground floor slab complete

**January 2016**

Erection of the crawler crane and commence install of the precast panels to the school

**February 2016**

Cast second half of sports hall foundations and slab

**March 2016**

Commence sports hall modular build



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## How we're delivering the project

To overcome potential disturbance and logistical challenges, a new solution was selected; to build the school and sports hall from modular components off site. Having chosen a modular build option, logistics and cranes were carefully considered prior to working next to a live school. The solution of offsite manufacturing saves time on programme, reduces site based construction activities and minimises noise whilst providing a high quality structure. Building Information Modelling (BIM) is a digital software that is currently being used on the scheme due to the many benefits it offers, for example:

- Provides our client with the understanding of how the project will be delivered by acting as a virtual consultant via 4D visuals and fly through models.
- Assists the project team to facilitate planning approvals.
- Provides clarity thus helping the team to understand the quantification of the building.

### Thank you from the Project Manager

Our project manager, Steve would like to thank Belle Vue Girls School, Chellow Heights School, Zara Sport Centre, Beckfoot Upper Heaton School, High Park School and all the local residents for their cooperation and patience during our time on site.

Since the start and going forward our team are committed to delivering the project with as little disruption to the surrounding area as possible.

### A few words from Beckfoot Upper Heaton (formally Belle Vue Boys School)

As the new Head of School I am incredibly excited about the project and we are all watching, with great interest, as the building progresses. Our students are very inquisitive about each stage of the build and now that they can see the structure take shape they are growing impatient to move in!

The new school will provide state of the art educational facilities fit for learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and it is exactly what our school community deserves. We have a number of students who are working alongside key staff to shape the preparations for the move as well as lending their views about the type of school they want to create at Beckfoot Upper Heaton.

We have only just begun our journey as a new school and this building will add hugely to the sense of ambition and aspiration we are building across the community. The next few months will see the site take shape and before we realise it we will be in. I, alongside the staff and students, can't wait!

Simon Wade

### Considerate Construction

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