

Building for the future

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Your progress update on the new primary school for Armadale



Welcome

Thanks for taking the time to read our second progress report on the new £7.5 million primary school for Armadale. It is our intention to issue regular updates throughout the construction process, to keep parents informed as the work progresses.

The new Armadale primary school will deliver real benefits for the community for the south of the town in particular. I hope any queries you may have on the new project will be answered in this newsletter.

If you have any further questions, please email them to EducationCustomerServices@westlothian.gov.uk and we will look into them for you.

James Cameron, Head of Education

New school takes shape

Initial work to build the new primary school for the south of Armadale is progressing well.

A significant amount of work has taken place onsite in the last few months, including constructing the site entrance road base and drainage works within the site

Local residents will have noticed the main section of structural steel frame at the gym area has been completed, and the external scaffold has commenced to the administration section of the new school.

Head of Education James Cameron said: "The past few months have seen a huge amount of activity on the new Armadale primary school site. Local residents will have noticed the difference in the site already, with the outline of the new school starting to take shape. We are still in the early phases of the building project, but work is currently progressing well towards the August 2016 opening date."

Executive councillor for education, Lawrence Fitzpatrick added: "I'm delighted to see the progress taking place towards the new primary school for the south of Armadale."



"We are committed to delivering the new school for the growing community at Southdale, with the name for the school expected to be agreed by Council Executive in December."

Other work, ongoing and completed, includes:

- Blockwork for the foundation
- Ground floor concrete floor slab works
- Street lighting diversion
- Pitch formation works
- Edge protection installed to the gym area.

All about the new Armadale Primary school



Cost of new school will be **£7.5million**

West Lothian Council forward-funding the project to **accelerate development**

Land transfer contract signed by developer in May 2015, with work starting onsite in **June 2015**

New school will be built in two phases, with **16 new classrooms, school nursery, gym** and **community wing** when complete

First phase of the school to open for the 2016/17 academic year, with **eight new classrooms, two General Purpose rooms** and **nursery provision for 60 pupils**

Gym and **dining** accommodation

First phase of landscaping will also include one **grass pitch** and one tarmac **Multi-User Games Area (MUGA)**.

Second phase landscaping will also include for a **full size community use grass pitch**

Ogilvie Construction Limited appointed to build the school.

Ogilvie has over sixty years of knowledge and experience, and are extremely active within the education sector for the provision of primary and secondary schools

Photovoltaic (solar) panels will be installed on the roof along with a greatly increased insulation envelope and air tight design to save energy costs

