

Press Release.

## Minerva Primary Academy

*A Cabot Learning Federation Academy*

The Greenway, Hillfields Park, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 4HA

### **NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES FOR MINERVA PRIMARY ACADEMY**

Work is set to start on the construction of a modern new school to replace existing facilities at Minerva Primary Academy at Hillfields, Bristol. Once completed, the current capacity of 300 pupils will increase to 420 number pupils.

The project at Minerva is to be completed using modern methods of off-site construction and a “turf-cutting” ceremony, attended by The Lord Mayor of Bristol, will be held at the school on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The new building will be completed in November 2018 and the official opening is programmed for July 2019.

The new school facilities will comprise of a two storey building with multi-use hall. During construction and demolition activities, pupils will be temporarily located in part of the existing school, however, additional learning space will be provided using an Elliott temporary classroom solution.

Minerva Primary Academy Principal, Pete Hallam, said; “We are very excited to be having such a fantastic new building. Along with redevelopment of the grounds, which will give more opportunities for learning and playing outdoors, we will soon have facilities to be really proud of and ones that our children richly deserve.”

Colin Sargeant, Director of Elliott off-site solutions, said; “We are very pleased to have been awarded the contract to construct the new school facilities at Minerva Primary Academy. There have been significant issues in the ground to overcome due to historical mine workings however these are now all in hand. Now that construction is commencing, our modern methods of off-site construction will enable the work to be completed in a much quicker time-frame than using traditional methods. The new facilities will provide a modern learning experience for pupils and school staff.”

The development will include a nursery, reception classrooms, infant classrooms, junior classrooms, offices, staff facilities, a main hall, studio and a functional kitchen as well as new external landscaping.

The Academy project is valued at £7.5m and it is the first in a batch of 5 schools, which have been secured by Elliott under the Education and Skill Funding Agency's (ESFA) Priority School Building Programme (PSBP)

There will be a photo op on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 2.00PM

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#### EDITOR'S NOTES

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##### About the ESFA

Further information on the Education & Skills Funding Agency's Priority School Building Programme: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/psbp-overview/priority-school-building-programme-overview>

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