

Title: St Ninian's Primary School
Client: Stirling Council
Location: Stirling



Project team: Robertson Capital Projects/hub East Central Scotland, Robertson Central (contractor), AHR (architect), Morgan Sindall Professional Services (civil & structural), Atelier Ten (building services), Brownriggs (CDM Coordinator)

The project involved the replacement of the existing St Ninian's Primary School, a double stream primary school and nursery class, and the refurbishment of the traditionally constructed original school building to form a nursery. The design allows for future expansion via provision of an additional four classrooms to the teaching wing to accommodate an additional 132 pupils. Ancillary spaces include a kitchen, dining hall, gym hall, staff accommodation and toilet/changing facilities.

"I was delighted to officially open the new St Ninians Primary and help celebrate this exciting new chapter in the school's history - the performances by the pupils today were truly fantastic. It may have been the opening of a new building, but a school is so much more - it is a tool to educate our young people and give them opportunities, and I hope the pupils and staff enjoy their new surroundings."

Councillor Neil Benny, Deputy Council Leader and Convenor of the Finance and Economy Committee

Key statistics

- **VALUE: £8,352,527.53**
- **COMPLETION DATE: July 2017**
- **CONTRACT DATES: 20 months**
- **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**
 - Meet the buyer/community completed
 - School safety talks
 - Site visits with Forth Valley College
 - Sod Cutting
 - Dunblane High School student placements
 - Poster competition for primary school pupils
 - Nursery engagement
 - Viewing portals
 - Hi vis vests
 - Marvellous materials
 - Construction talk with primary 7
 - Careers talk at Stirling High School
 - Meeting with Bannockburn High School to assist in curriculum activities.
 - Teaching/Staff/P7 tours
 - Robertson reporters
 - Giant tetrahedron
 - Time capsule
- **TOTAL USERS/RESIDENTS: 459 primary pupil capacity + 40 nursery children + school staff**
- **REPLACEMENT DETAILS: Redeveloping the existing school was not a viable option, so it was decided to create a new school on the same site.**
- **LOCAL EMPLOYEES: (Q2 2017) 34.11%**



Project information

- The new facilities provide accommodation for a maximum of 459 primary school pupils and 40 nursery children aged 3 to 5 years.
- Provide a learning and teaching environment fit for the 21st century that is flexible and adaptable to keep pace with changes in education.
- Comply with Scottish Schools for the Future grant funding requirements and in particular to work within the primary school programme metrics.
- Take account of Scottish Government/CoSLA vision in 'Building Better Schools: Investing in Scotland's Future' and all current/relevant standards in relation to school design/construction.
- Meet Care Inspectorate's standards in relation to the nursery environment.

- Deliver appropriate external facilities to ensure that the 'daily mile' initiative can continue and all pupils can benefit from well-designed external spaces despite the restricted urban site/setting.
- Allow for welcoming and flexible use of the accommodation by the wider community after school hours.