

Stakeford First School, Northumberland



The General Works team in Newcastle are currently building a new £158k entrance and extension for Stakeford First School in Northumberland and Malcolm Hawley who is the Site Manager on the project, has been keeping the children informed about its progress by holding weekly assemblies.

Malcolm has explained to the children what we are building in their school, the importance of wearing the correct PPE and why building sites are dangerous places and not adventure playgrounds! He has also provided a regular update to the staff and the children every Monday morning detailing what will be happening during the week ahead. This has allowed the staff to plan their curriculum around the building work to minimise disturbance to the children's regular routine.

The head teacher has said that the children have enjoyed listening to Malcolm and have actively taken part in question and answer sessions. They have also enjoyed drawing pictures relating to the ongoing building work.



Pictured Malcolm Hawley (Site Manager for GB Building Solutions) and Mrs Hall Head teacher at Stakeford First School

GB Building Solutions has a great reputation for working successfully within "live" schools during construction which can often be seen to be a daunting prospect for the governors, staff and pupils. Our site staff have been praised many times by head teachers for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty, and have even received recognition during an Ofsted inspection.