

Green Light for Work to Begin on new South Edinburgh Primary School

Work is expected to begin before Christmas to build a new primary school and nursery in Canaan Lane after planning approval was granted today.

The plans for the [new south Edinburgh school](#) were approved at today's meeting of the Council's Development Management Sub Committee.



Artist's impression of the new Canaan Lane primary school
Education, Children and Families Convener Councillor Ian Perry welcomed the decision.

He said: "It's excellent news that we can now press on with building a much-needed brand new primary school for south Edinburgh and I know the project team are raring to go. Today's decision marks the start of a great new chapter for the area; the new school will accommodate 420 children, with

80 more in the nursery and has been sustainably designed to complement the Grange Conservation Area.

“There’s a special emphasis on outdoor learning, with a variety of opportunities for different types of play in a green and diverse environment that aims to reconnect children with the natural world. And we’ll make strides towards our ambitious target of becoming a carbon neutral Capital city by 2030 with the inclusion of air source heat pumps to supply the school with renewable energy. We don’t have a name for the new school as yet – we want that to be something the community gets fully involved in and we’ll announce further details in due course.”

Work is due to start in the coming weeks, with the school scheduled to open in time for the academic year starting in August 2021.

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