



## **MORGAN SINDALL SPONSORS LIFE-SAVING FIRST AID TRAINING FOR ST JOSEPH'S PUPILS**

Pupils from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, in Sutton Coldfield, have received life-saving first aid training as part of an initiative sponsored by construction and infrastructure company Morgan Sindall.

Staff from Paramedical First Aid Training – a company established in 2014 by two serving paramedics with more than 35 years' experience – delivered four engaging sessions to the school's Key Stage 2 pupils.

The talks and training included guidance on how and when to dial 999, along with an explanation of the dangers of hoax calling and activities set up to reinforce the learning.

Hands-on CPR training was also given to the older pupils. Eight light up dummies were used to aid proceedings and ensured that children found the sessions fun, as well as informative.

Morgan Sindall is in the process of carrying out renovation and expansion works to the school on Little Sutton Lane as part of a £2.4 million project. The plans include the construction of a new main entrance and reception, along with a new library, six modern classrooms and one specialist teaching room for art and cookery lessons.

The modernised facilities and expanded teaching space will allow the school to increase its capacity and work towards its target of providing the local community with 210 much needed additional primary school places over the next four years.

Morgan Sindall has been nominated for a Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) National Site Award for facilitating the first aid training and for the site team team's overall performance on the St Joseph's expansion.

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CCS National Site Awards are given to the highest performing construction sites across the country. The criteria for the award include: exceptional levels of consideration for everyone's safety on-site, respect for the community, care for the workforce, improvement of site appearance and protection of the environment. This year is the third in a row where Morgan Sindall Group has been the highest scoring considerate contractor – with 72 CCS National Site Awards in 2016.

Gerry O'Hara, school principal, said "This is a wonderful opportunity for the children in our school to develop an understanding of first aid. The training will help the children develop a range of skills to benefit themselves and potentially provide crucial help during an emergency situation, or even save someone's life. We are extremely proud of all of the children involved."

Chris Towndrow, joint owner of Paramedical First Aid Training and a serving paramedic, said "Teaching children these skills from a young age is vitally important. This training will give pupils the confidence and knowledge to help a family member who may be unwell and can possibly save lives.

"Our student programme caters for children as young as four years old and our TeenAid qualification is fantastic for secondary school pupils."

Morgan Sindall's area director, Richard Fielding, added "First aid training and guidance on calling the emergency services is invaluable for children of all ages and we're delighted to be sponsoring the day.

"As with all of our school construction projects, we're mindful of the value we can add to academic life and we're proud that this initiative has been shortlisted for an award."

Construction work began at the end of April and is expected to complete in spring next year.**[2017]**