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### **Three new primary school buildings for Chester, Halebank and Stockport**

Three primary schools move into state-of-the-art, purpose-built new buildings today for the start of their summer term, as the first phase of the Education Funding Agency's (EFA) Priority School Building Programme (PSBP) North West Batch is completed.

The three schools: Bridge Hall Primary School, Stockport; JH Godwin Primary School, Blacon; and Halebank CE Primary School, Widnes, are the first of twelve Schools in the NW Batch to be rebuilt.

The PSBP North West Batch is being delivered through EFA's partnership with Morgan Sindall Investments Limited (MSIL) and Equitix, with Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure delivering the building work on the new schools.

Welcoming the achievement, Headteacher at JH Godwin Primary School in Blacon, Chester, Nic Wetton said: "This exciting project, several years in the making, has now reached its final stage. The whole school community is bubbling with anticipation at the prospect of developing an amazing learning environment where children, families and the wider community can benefit from the state of the art building and outdoor environment."

MSIL/Equitix's North West General Manager Gary Naylor said:

"We are delighted to have delivered the first three schools in the NW Batch on programme meaning that pupils and teachers can have full use in the summer term as planned and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the EFA to deliver the remaining schools."

A further nine schools are now under construction, with four primary schools and one secondary school due for handover in summer 2016 and four more secondary schools to be completed in the summer of 2017.

Capital expenditure to rebuild these twelve schools totals around £110m.