

Seddon Breaks Ground on £8.6m School Expansion Project

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Seddon, a leading UK construction company, has officially commenced construction on a £8.6m expansion project for The Orchards Nursery, Cherry Tree Primary School, and Green Fold Special School in Farnworth.

The project aims to increase the schools' combined capacity from 140 to 185 pupils, addressing the growing demand for special school places in Bolton. Two new extensions will be built, along with internal remodeling to create eight additional classrooms and upgrade existing facilities.

The improvements will also include enhanced outdoor spaces, a new multi-use games area, and upgraded hygiene suites to meet the specific needs of students with autism, severe learning difficulties (SLD), and profound and multiple learning difficulties (PMLD).

Katie Hague, executive head of The Orchards Federation, said: "This is an exciting project which will further enhance our oversubscribed outstanding provision. Green Fold continues to be the special school of choice for many families and we are delighted that we will be able to welcome more pupils to flourish with us.

Seddon is committed to supporting the local economy and has pledged to spend £2.25 million with local suppliers throughout the project. The construction is expected to be completed by April 2026, with careful planning to minimize disruption to the schools' daily operations.