



St Columba's Catholic Primary School Planning Application

Planning Application Coming Soon

We are delighted to inform you that a planning application will soon be submitted for the redevelopment of St Columba's Catholic Primary School.

As part of the proposed development, the existing school buildings — with the exception of the residential property — will be demolished. The new school building will then be constructed on a similar footprint to the original school building.

Background and Funding

The redevelopment of St Columba's Catholic Primary School is being funded by the Department for Education as part of their School Rebuilding Programme.

Galliford Try has been selected by the Department for Education as the construction contractor to design and build the new school.

Proposals

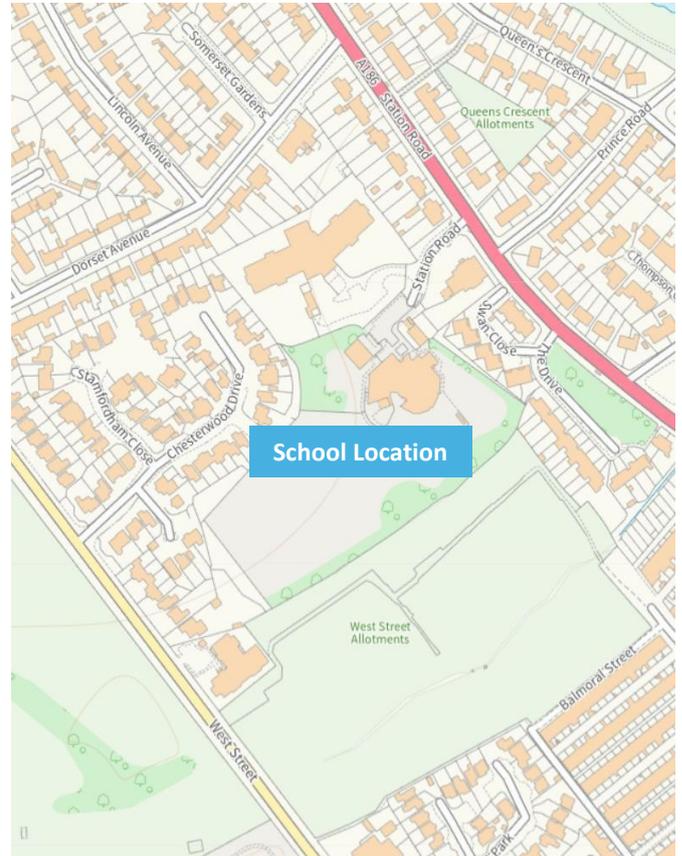
The proposed redevelopment includes the erection of a new 1 storey building (including 1.5 storey sports hall), with reconfigured landscaping and increased car parking, with cycle storage.

The new school building will include bright, spacious classrooms, a large hall, open-plan library, kitchen and support spaces. Externally there will also be redesigned hard play areas, improved playing fields, soft landscaping and retention of the forest school.

The new school building will meet modern environmental standards through minimising energy demand and using low carbon and renewable energy solutions, including solar panels on the roof and ground source heat pumps.

When complete, there will be no change to the location of the pedestrian and vehicular access to the site from Station Road.

There will also be no change to pupil or staff numbers as a result of the redevelopment.



Temporary arrangements

- The existing temporary building will remain in use until the new school building is completed.
- Once this is ready, the school will move into the new building, and the temporary building will be removed with the playing fields reinstated.
- Pupil and parent access will remain from Station Road during and after construction.
- During construction, a temporary car park will be provided for school staff on the playing fields, which will be accessed from Chesterwood Drive.
- Construction access for Galliford Try will be from Station Road.
- Removal of the temporary building when it is no longer needed and the subsequent playing field reinstatement works will be carried out via Chesterwood Drive.

View our proposals online at: <https://www.stcolumbasprimary.co.uk/newbuild>
Email the design team at: stcolumbasprimary.uk@avisonyoung.com
Please send questions or comments no later than 10th April 2026.



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Have Your Say - Drop in Event

At this pre-application stage, the development proposals can be viewed on the school's website. If you have any queries or comments, you can also contact the Galliford Try project team using the details at the bottom of this page.

We are holding a **drop-in event** at **St Columba's Catholic Primary School** for anyone who wants to find out more or who would like to ask any questions about the proposals. The session will run from **4pm to 7pm** on **Wednesday 1st April 2026** and will take place in the school hall of the temporary building.

Timescales and Next Steps

The planning application will be submitted in the coming weeks. Once this has been lodged, it will be available to view and comment on, via North Tyneside Council's online planning portal:

<https://www.northtyneside.gov.uk/residents/planning/search-planning-applications>

Subject to receiving planning permission, the school redevelopment is planned to commence in Autumn 2026.

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