

Discovery Special Academy Newsletter



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Tilbury Douglas started work on 14 June 2021, constructing the new Discovery Special Academy, on the site of the former Teesside attraction, Nature's World, off Sandy Flatts Lane.

The new special school will accommodate primary school children with severe learning difficulties and physical or medical needs. The school will provide places for the Tees Valley Education Trust and for the children currently using the temporary accommodation unit at the Brambles School in Middlesbrough. Pupil numbers are currently 60, this will rise to 77 in September 2021 and 84 in September 2022, when the school is fully open.

The new building will provide improved facilities including:

- A multi-use games area
- An indoor multi-function hall
- Two soft informal play and social areas
- Three hard-standing play areas
- A soft PE area including sports pitch

The new school will bring a vacant site, located within a sustainable area of Middlesbrough, back into active use, whilst delivering additional special school places within the borough and providing a high-quality development within the local area. The school will provide high quality specialist education provision for families, ensuring that fewer children are required to travel outside of Middlesbrough for their education.



Construction Works

Access to the site will be provided for vehicles and pedestrians off Sandy Flatts Lane and there will be off-road vehicle and cycle parking provided for both staff and visitors. A secondary pedestrian footpath will provide access to the site at the south-western corner. The site's boundaries will have planting to provide screening.

The new building will be constructed from a light-gauge steel frame, sat on a concrete raft foundation. The frame will then be clad in brickwork, timber cladding and render panels.

Initial clearance of the site will commence at the beginning of June, before the groundworks begin to level the earth for the foundations. Work on the steel frame will start towards the end of the summer.



The Considerate Constructors Scheme is an independent non-profit organisation that works to improve the image of the construction industry. The Code of Considerate Practice commits the site to care about appearance, respect the community, protect the environment, secure everyone's safety and value their workforce. As a partner, Interserve commits to registering all of its projects with the scheme. To find out more about the Considerate Constructors Scheme visit www.ccscheme.org.uk or call 0800 783 1423.



On 2 March 2021, Interserve Construction Limited and Interserve Engineering Services Limited formally rebranded as Tilbury Douglas Construction Limited and Tilbury Douglas Engineering Limited, marking a new era for the construction and engineering companies.

The rebrand reflects a new distinct identity after the sale of Interserve Group's support services, learning and healthcare businesses last year. This is a name with historic significance to many of our staff and customers, but importantly we are now looking to the future and this name will become synonymous with a modern high performing construction business.