

Department For Education (DfE) - School Build Update - Nov 2023

"The works to replace the Caledonian school are progressing well. Demolition of the defective structure has been completed allowing inspection of the existing foundations. Unfortunately, the Caledonian foundations were found to be defective and have therefore been removed. Fill material has been placed below the building footprint in preparation for the new concrete foundations. Much of October and early November has been a very wet period (with 3 named storms), consequently the remedial process has understandably been delayed owing to the recent wet weather. Overall the works are currently delayed by c. 4 weeks, however Kier anticipates that some of this delay should be able to be recovered between now and completion, which is now likely to be in November 2024. The new structural steel frame has been fabricated and it should start to be erected in January.

As the project is now in a much stronger position, Kier is under contract and performing well with good progress being made on site (despite the recent poor weather) the DfE will not be attending future parent meetings. The Trust is invited to all progress meetings with the contractor and the DfE therefore considers that the school and trust are best placed to manage the relationship with parents in the normal way."