

**Great Park Academy
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Welcome to the first of our termly information updates about the building programme for our brand new school on Newcastle Great Park.

The feasibility study for the school, which is being carried out by Turner and Townsend on behalf of the Department for Education, is nearing the final stages. The DfE have recently allocated significant extra funding to the project to incorporate new sustainability design features. As a result of the additional investment the school will be built to a higher specification, with the aim of achieving Net Zero Carbon in operation. Turner and Townsend are currently working to include the Net Zero Carbon requirements in the feasibility study ready for sign off by the DfE.

The reserved matters planning application for the playing fields adjacent to the school site is due to be considered for approval by Newcastle City Council Planning Committee at their next meeting, scheduled for 14 January 2022. These sports facilities will be for both school and community use and will provide a range of extra sports pitches in addition to those on the main school site. The plans are for rugby and football pitches, a 600 m running track and a cricket pitch including a synthetic cricket wicket. Funding has also been secured to extend the school's sports changing facilities for community use in the evenings, at weekends and in the school holidays.

In the Spring term the next stage for the project will be moving to procurement and the appointment of a building contractor, preparation for this is well underway.

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