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John Stewart MLA has asked:

To ask the Minister of Education for an update on all pending capital build or minor works projects for schools in the East Antrim constituency.

ANSWER

I have deposited a table in the Assembly Library which contains an update on all pending capital projects for schools in the East Antrim constituency.

The update includes projects which are on the Department's various capital programmes but have not yet been delivered.



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MAJOR CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME

School Name	Current Status
St Killian's College	The project has received planning approval and the final design stage has been completed and is currently under review by the Department's technical advisers. Approval for the project to proceed to construction will depend on budget availability.
Belfast High School	This project was announced in March 2022 but was initially put on hold in April 2023 due to financial constraints. However, the project was restarted in September 2026 and a feasibility study is now in progress.
Larne Grammar School	This project was announced in March 2022 but was put on hold in April 2023 due to financial constraints. Following a review of projects, a letter issued to the school on 2 September 2026 to advise that departmental officials will meet school representatives to agree a way forward. The proposals to be discussed are for the school to remain paused on the Major Capital Programme list, or for a master planning exercise to be undertaken to determine how the most pressing needs may be addressed via planned medium and smaller scale works.
Carrickfergus Academy	This project was announced in March 2022 but was initially put on hold in April 2023 due to financial

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	constraints. However, the project was restarted in February 2024 and a business case is currently being developed, based on the feasibility study.
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SCHOOL ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

School Name	Current Status
Carrickfergus Grammar School	Technical Feasibility Report is under review by the Education Authority (EA). This will inform development of the business case.
Greenisland Primary School	A business case has been approved and the project is progressing through design stages. It is currently at Concept Design (RIBA Stage 2).
Roddensvale School	Business case has been approved and the project will now advance into the design stages and planning.
Thornfield House School	Project progressing through the design stages and is currently awaiting planning approval.

CURRICULUM-LED CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

School Name	Current Status
St Killian's College	Planning approval in place for a synthetic pitch and design currently being finalised.
Carrickfergus Academy/ Carrickfergus Grammar School	One additional synthetic pitch to be provided, with location to be confirmed.

MINOR WORKS, INCLUDING SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN) MINOR WORKS

School Name	Scheme Description	Current Status
St James' Primary School, Newtownabbey	Traffic Management/car parking	Potential to acquire additional land for scheme is currently being explored.
St James' Primary School, Newtownabbey	Upgrade lobby/foyer security	On hold
Acorn Integrated Primary School	Access control/building security	On hold
Acorn Integrated Primary School	Footpath extension	Feasibility report and business case being developed.
Larne Grammar School	Replacement modular accommodation	Business case approved. Project currently at design stage.

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Larne Grammar School	Upgrade access controls	Scoping
Belfast High School	School Meals Accommodation	On hold
Belfast High School	Roof Replacement	Works to be scoped
Belfast High School	Upgrade windows	On hold
St Anthony's Primary School, Larne	Specialist Provision Accommodation	Construction (RIBA Stage 5)
Cairncastle Primary School	Traffic Management/Carparking	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Carrickfergus Academy	Implementation of Development Proposals (DP) 512, 513 & 514	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Carrickfergus Academy	Windows upgrade	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Carrickfergus Grammar School	Remove/replace modular accommodation	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Carrickfergus Grammar School	School meals refurbishment /extension	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Carrickfergus Grammar School	Upgrade Roofing (Art Block)	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Carrickfergus Grammar School	Upgrade floor in gym	On Hold. Not deemed critical health and safety. Being considered for delivery as part of

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		School Enhancement Programme (SEP) project.
Eden Primary School	Remove/replace condemned modular	Planning application (RIBA Stage 3)
Greenisland Primary School	Traffic Management/Carparking	Planning application (RIBA Stage 3)
Islandmagee Primary School	Surveys of existing modular accommodation	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Larne High School	Changing provision	Concept Design (RIBA Stage 2)
Larne High School	Specialist Provision Accommodation	Construction (RIBA Stage 5)
Larne High School	Specialist Provision Accommodation – Phase 2	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Larne High School	DDA child specific works	Funding approved, works progressing
Linn Primary School	Accommodation for specialist provision – Phase 2	Preparation and Briefing (RIBA Stage 1)
Linn Primary School	Secure Lobby Works	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Moyle Primary School	Specialist Provision Accommodation – Phase 2	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Oakfield Primary School	Specialist Provision Accommodation – Phase 2	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Roddensvale School	Additional classrooms	Construction (RIBA Stage 5)

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Roddensvale School	Dual Campus – Specialist Provision accommodation – Phase 1	Construction (RIBA Stage 5)
Roddensvale School	Dual Campus – Specialist Provision accommodation – Phase 2	Tender (RIBA Stage 4)
Rosstulla School	SEN Accommodation	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Silverstream Primary School	Traffic Management	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Silverstream Primary School	Specialist Provision Accommodation - Phase 1	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Silverstream Primary School	Playground works - including increasing playground area and installing a covered play area	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Sunnylands Primary School	Specialist Provision Accommodation	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Thornfield House School	Upgrade emergency panic alarm	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)
Victoria Primary School	Specialist Provision Accommodation - Phase 2	Construction (RIBA Stage 5)
Victoria Primary School	Specialist Provision Accommodation - Phase 3	Preparation and Briefing (RIBA Stage 1)
Whiteabbey Primary School	Specialist Provision Accommodation - Phase 2	Scoping (RIBA Stage 0)