

# Carillion at Parson's Heath School, Colchester

## Building Sites are not Playgrounds



### Background

Carillion are constructing the new Colchester Academy very close to several Primary Schools. One of these Primary Schools is Parson's Heath.

As part of Carillion's Sustainability programme we engage with local communities in fund raising, supporting wildlife schemes, enhancing learning opportunities and many, many more activities.

### Parson's Heath Primary School

On the 9<sup>th</sup> October we visited Parsons Heath Primary School which is half a mile away from our construction site and carried out a presentation called "Building Sites Are Not Playgrounds" for years 5 and 6.

A total of 63 young children had a presentation designed and delivered by Tizzy Bowman on the dangers of playing on building sites. One child in each of the sessions was dressed in large PPE with each item being donned with a story i.e. goggles "Am I going swimming?"; dust masks "Am I going to do an operation?" etc. One of the reasons the exercise made a big impression on the children was because it is NOT made for children as children should NEVER be on a building site. Afterwards the children took turns at trying on various items of PPE.

The children were set a competition to design a poster to reflect the presentation and we will return for a prize giving in due course. The pictures will be laminated and put on the site hoarding.

Each child was given a Carillion puzzle pack, Carillion gift and "Carillion says play safely" sticker. Each child also received a Carillion certificate of participation.