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A new primary school will be built in the Hampton area of Peterborough after a contractor was appointed for the work.

Peterborough City Council has entered into pre-construction services agreement with Interserve Construction Limited to build Hampton Lakes Primary School.

The school, which will be based to the east of the A15 near Teardrop Lake, was originally due to be built by Carillion, however, following the collapse of the company earlier this year, the council has worked to find a new contractor.

It will still open to pupils on time in September 2019, however, due to the delays, the intake of 30 reception children will be temporarily accommodated at Hampton College Primary until the new school building can be completed by late spring 2020.

When fully up and running, the school will provide 420 new primary school places for children living in Hampton East and the wider Hampton area, and 26 nursery places.

Helen Price, executive head teacher of Hampton Academies Trust, which is to run the new free school, said: "It is fantastic news that work will soon start on the new Hampton Lakes Primary School. We look forward to welcoming the first children in September 2019 and moving to the new building in Spring 2020."

Richard Scarrott, Divisional Director at Interserve Construction, said: "The new Hampton Lakes Primary School will provide much needed school places for the rapidly growing city of Peterborough and we are delighted to be a part of this.

"We look forward to partnering with Peterborough City Council and providing employment and educational opportunities for local people."

Meanwhile, work to complete the expansion of a current Peterborough school will restart shortly after a new contractor was appointed for the project.

Earlier this year work to expand the Jack Hunt School in Netherton was halted following the collapse of contractors Carillion.

Peterborough City Council has since worked to find a new contractor for the work and can now confirm that RG Carters have been appointed.

The work is now set to be completed in June 2019 and will see 11 new classrooms, a science classroom, an unlit all-weather sports pitch and new dining hall and kitchen constructed.

The expansion will enable the school's capacity to increase from 1,800 to 1,950 pupils.

Pamela Kilbey, headteacher of Jack Hunt School, said: "We are extremely grateful for the continuing support from Peterborough City Council to ensure a new contractor to complete the much needed work at our school and we very much look forward to working with R G Carters."

Councillor Lynne Ayres, Peterborough City Council's Cabinet Member for Education, said: "As the fourth fastest growing city in the country, the need to create extra school spaces is an urgent one and we are actively working to address this.

“We are committed to providing sufficient classroom spaces to ensure that the educational needs of children and young people in the city continues to be met.”