

PRESS RELEASE

Be Safe – Keep off Building Sites!

G F Tomlinson Building Limited makes children aware of building site dangers

With construction work already underway at St Margaret Church of England School in Blackfordby, G F Tomlinson Building Ltd are keen to make the children aware of the potential dangers of a building site.

To remove the curiosity elements surrounding the building works and machinery, the children from St Margaret Church of England School have learnt the importance of Health and Safety on a building site through special assembly visits from G F Tomlinson Building Ltd health and safety personnel.

Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Advisor, Simon Ratcliffe talked through the importance of health and safety and why children should never play on building sites. The children were excited to get involved in the activities which included dressing up in site safety equipment, watching a short film and creating awareness of the risks, followed by a question and answer session.

G F Tomlinson Building Ltd wanted to ensure the message was taken on board by organising a poster competition. The children were asked to design a health and safety poster incorporating the main points they had learnt from the day. These would then be displayed on the fencing surrounding the site, reminding the children and visitors of the risks associated with building sites.

Susan Vernon, Headteacher commented “The children gained much from their participation in the Health and Safety poster competition. We appreciated G F Tomlinson’s involvement in the life of the school and their generosity in donating

the prizes. We are looking forward to working in the beautiful new building which is being created for us”.

Mick Scott, the Site Manager said: “The quality, attention to detail and the imagination of the children’s posters was astounding; they clearly showed they had taken on board the risks and dangers. All the children have been fantastic and have really taken an interest in what we are doing in the school.”

