

# **Balfour Beatty**

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## *News Release*

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### **TASTE OF THE HIGHWAYS LIFE FOR SOUTHAMPTON SCHOOLCHILDREN**

A group of Year 3 Southampton schoolchildren will be visiting a highways maintenance depot as part of a project on road safety and building.

The eight-year-olds, 30 in total, from Redbridge Primary School, the oldest one in Southampton, are to spend the morning at the depot in Jacob's Gutter Lane, Totton, on February 15.

The facility is operated by Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services, which has held the contract to manage and maintain all the county's highways since 1996.

"Construction is due to start soon of a brand new school for Redbridge Primary at a cost of £3.5 m. so it is great for the children to know about construction before that gets underway," said the contract's Operations Manager, Lloyd Allen.

"We will be showing the children all our vehicles, including diggers, and various other items of plant. Staff at the depot will be demonstrating what they do, and talking about their work. We've also got hard hats, T-shirts, reflective jackets and other presents lined up for them."

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## **Notes to Editors**

1. Photographers and reporters welcome, **please let Juliet England know on 01256 400459, or by emailing [juliet.England@bbisl.com](mailto:juliet.England@bbisl.com) if you are attending.** The children will be at the depot from 0930am on 15 February.
2. Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services is a leading provider of highway and off-track rail maintenance and asset management, civil engineering and related design, consultancy and specialist services. The breadth of resources and expertise within our organisation is complemented by the extensive capabilities and backing of the Balfour Beatty group.
3. Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services this year won a 12-month extension to its £30m a year highway term maintenance contract with Hampshire County Council, which the company first won in 1996. The extension comes into effect next year.
4. Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Services' vision is: "To be the leading provider of transportation infrastructure solutions and support services, renowned for first-class customer service, respect for people, providing best value, pioneering working partnerships and protecting the environment."