



Primrose Hill Primary School

Remodelling Grade II listed Victorian primary school

Primrose Hill Primary school is a Grade II listed Victorian building in the heart of the Primrose Hill Conservation area in Camden.

This classic three level Victorian school, originally housing Girls, Boys and Infants on separate floors, needed complete remodelling to work effectively as a teaching establishment in the 21st Century.

While the Grade II listed school, at 3,000sqm, is a third bigger than is required for the number on its roll, 10 of the 14 classrooms are well below the size expected by the DfES. It also has an original assembly hall at each level, but cannot accommodate the whole school. The kitchen, located on the first floor, was in need of replacement and relocation and the main entrance reception on the ground floor made access of the school difficult.

After developing several options for reorganisation through consultations with all stakeholders, the favoured option was prepared and listed building consent and planning approval were granted in

summer 2007.

The main contract started in August 2007 and the school remained in action throughout the contract period. This was achieved by carrying out the work in four phases linked with a decanting strategy designed to minimise disruption to the children's education.

The end result provides five new state-of-the-art classrooms of the correct size and location, better siting of resource areas, revised assembly facilities, a new kitchen and dining suite and a redesigned and rationalised entrance and administration hub. The ground floor is now available for community use without security issues.



Location:
Primrose Hill, London

Client:
Camden

Project:
Refurbishment of Grade II listed Victorian Primary School.

Value:
£1.2m

Status:
Complete 2009

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