

Burnham Copse Primary School

RIBA Award 2010

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Location:

Tadley, Hampshire

Client:

Hampshire County Council

Value: £2.8 million

Completed: September 2008

Specialist teams:

HCC Property Services

Burnham Copse Primary underwent a “makeover” resulting in a new look and a new feel for the staff and pupils of the school.

The new school was created when the infant and junior school were amalgamated, due to falling pupil numbers. Hampshire County Council’s Children’s Services Department, together with the head teacher and the governing body set out their brief for the architects which included improved circulation routes; a new identity for a tired old school; outside teaching options; and improvements to the classroom conditions.

One of the most successfully and notable changes to the school was the construction of a open-sided, unheated, walkway attached to the existing first floor level. This feature resolved a number of issues including safe access to the first floor classrooms; shade which reduced glare and overheating; and a new look for the renovated school.

The overall strategy to reuse, refurbish and extend the existing building proved to be a more economical and sustainable solution that to demolish and build a new school.

Key Benefits

- Cost effective solution to the need to amalgamate two schools.
- The old school lacked an identity and a “heart” which the refurbishment achieve.
- The construction project was completed in only 38 weeks.
- The design approach was collaborative and resulted in a school “fit for purpose.”

“ The children appear more receptive to learning, and have taken ownership of the new building very positively. Our staff say what a delight it is to teach in and the children love every aspect. ”

Penny Waterfield Chair of Governors
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