

Katesgrove School, Reading

The Simmonds Building (Formerly known as The Henry Building)
Proposed Timber Window and External Fabric Repairs

Design & Access Statement



Prepared by Historic Buildings Team, HCC Property Services
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On behalf of Reading Borough Council

August 2021

Application for Listed Building Consent for the following works:

Repairs and redecoration of timber windows and external woodwork, installation of draught seals and mechanical operating gear to opening casements. Alterations to suspended ceilings to expose currently partially concealed inside face of some windows. Brickwork repairs and areas of re-pointing. Refurbishment and partial replacement of defective cast iron rain-water goods and replacement of plastic sections of down pipe. Change colour of rainwater goods and cast iron wall grilles from white to black.

For details of the proposed design please refer to the Heritage Statement –

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In addition to the level bridge link from the upper playground into the first floor and the internal staircase, there is an existing lift connecting the ground and first floor classrooms. There is also a secondary external escape stair.

The proposed works are essentially repairs to existing fabric and there are no proposed changes to the internal arrangement of the building.

The proposed refurbishment of currently out of use opening window casements and the replacement of cord and pulley operation with more robust and reliable Teleflex type window opening gear will improve access to natural ventilation in the rooms affected.