

Hawley Primary School

Scheme address: Hawley Road, NW1
Architect: Allford Hall Monaghan Morris
Client/Landowner: Stanley Sidings Limited/ London Borough of Camden
Scheme description: Hawley Primary School is a single-form entry school that educates 236 children from nursery to year 6. The project comprises a new-build three storeys building and the conversion of a Grade II listed building.

The brief was to create a new, enlarged and fully accessible home for Hawley Infant School, a much-loved and unique Camden institution. The design is a product of extensive consultation and collaboration with local residents, the existing school and governors as well as Camden, the local authority. The school has been designed as 'The Village School in the City' with an intention to retain the ambience of the existing infant school.

The judges' view: *The judges appreciated the quality of communal, collective spaces created by the framing of the central cloistered courtyard, with wide double height entrance hallways and corridors. Spaces are flexible and accommodating with generosity created through intelligent design. The diversity in materials is well controlled and both the complexity of programme and relationship of the school to its urban setting are sophisticated and well-handled. The project also breathes new life into a building that was on the English Heritage 'At Risk' register.*



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