



Client
RB Greenwich

Site
Plumstead

Role
Architect and Interior Designer

Value
£10.5m

Project
New build and refurbishment
of SEN primary school

OVERVIEW

Pellings were appointed as architects to undertake a complete re-design of the existing Willow Dene SEN Primary School in Plumstead. The existing buildings have been identified as fast becoming unfit for purpose, and the project will comprise approximately 80% new build, and the remainder extensive refurbishment of existing buildings. Set within an area of woodland the topography of the school site has provided complex challenges, sloping by approximately two storeys from the north-west corner down to the south-east corner.

The project will be delivered over four defined phases. The initial phase will be made up of the construction of a new eight classroom, two storey block, in the largely unoccupied south-east corner of the site. This phase encompassed a small element of demolition, a temporary building which is currently used as meeting space for staff. Once this first phase is complete, a series of decanting exercises will be coordinated to allow the children and staff to utilise the new facilities at the earliest opportunity, and the school to continue to operate with minimal disruption to their day-to-day routine.

Extensive consultation was undertaken to ensure that the aspirations of RB Greenwich, the school, and the local residents have been accommodated. The result is a school estate that successfully meets the requirements of both BB99 and BB102 and incorporates: 22 classrooms and associated facilities, a warm water therapy pool, and two school halls. The warm water therapy pool will be opened up for extended use, and shared by the local community.

WILLOW DENE SEN SCHOOL