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DULWICH HAMLET JUNIOR SCHOOL

Dulwich Hamlet Junior School has been part of the local community for more than 150 years. The original schoolhouse opened in 1867, with Dulwich Hamlet School established on the site during the 1880s. The school is recognised as a key building within the Dulwich Village Conservation Area and is a notable example of the Victorian Gothic village school style.

Triton was appointed to carry out a £350,000 programme of specialist conservation, façade restoration, roof renewal and external fabric repairs. Ridge and Partners LLP acted as Contract Administrator for the project.

The works addressed weathered brickwork, defective lime mortar pointing, damaged plinths, deteriorated timberwork, ageing rainwater goods, failing roof coverings and defective chimney



stacks. Damaged facing bricks were cut out and replaced, while defective joints were repointed using compatible lime-based mortar.

Specialist resin repairs and localised timber scarfing were carried out to fascias, decorative bargeboards, dormers and other external joinery. Heritage-style cast-iron gutters, hoppers and downpipes were also renewed, improving rainwater disposal while retaining the traditional appearance of the elevations.

The roof coverings were replaced with Marley Acme single-camber clay tiles, laid to follow the original pattern. Decorative Fleur-de-Lys crested ridge tiles in Old English Red and contrasting Heritage Ornamental Club tiles were reinstated. Existing coping stones were lifted and re-bedded in lime mortar, with new Code 4 lead soakers, stepped flashings and

cover flashings fitted around roof junctions and abutments.

Seven chimney stacks were taken down and rebuilt using salvaged bricks, supplemented with matching new bricks where required. The stacks were bedded in an NHL 3.5 lime mortar, and the original chimney pots were retained and reinstated.

During the 2024 programme, repair decisions were reviewed with Ridge as the work progressed, allowing expenditure to be kept under close control. As the school remained in use, working areas were securely separated from pupils and staff, with access points and emergency routes kept clear. The finished scheme was very well received by both the client and the Conservation Officer.

