

KINGSGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Sarah Wigglesworth Architects (SWA), working with Architects Collaborative, was appointed to design an extension to the existing Victorian buildings of Kingsgate Primary School, including a multi-purpose studio, library and community entrance.

The success of the project rests on an ambitious client (London Borough of Camden) and a school with a clear vision for what they wanted to achieve. With knowledge of the site and stakeholders, Architects Collaborative partnered with SWA to develop the project, ensuring the client's objectives were reflected in the design, and safeguarding quality.

The project faced a number of challenges relating to site constraints, funding and the need for the school to remain operational throughout. Structural insulated panels (SIPs) were selected for the building fabric; and prepared off-site, they helped to condense the construction programme and reduce site deliveries.

The completed building reflects the ambition of the client to provide the best education of any local authority in the UK. The new spaces reinterpret the form and scale of the original school building to create a playful and light-filled addition. Designed to enhance the relationship with the adjacent park, the internal spaces offer views through the building towards the mature trees beyond, creating a stimulating learning environment.



SUBMITTING ORGANISATION:
WIGGLESWORTH ARCHITECTS

CLIENT:
LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

VALUE:
£1.3M

PROJECT MANAGER:
LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN

ARCHITECT:
WIGGLESWORTH ARCHITECTS

CONTRACTOR:
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