2023-24 School Capital Condition Programme

List of Schemes

Financial information shown against each scheme are based on budget estimates and are inclusive of professional design fees. These will be subject to change following the tender process.

1. Health and Safety (£93,302)

1.1. Asbestos (£23,000)

Used to support the removal of asbestos on maintained school sites and supporting asbestos related works on schemes due to be completed under the capital maintenance programme.

1.2. Other H&S, Safeguarding works and support for SEN alterations (£40,302)

Supporting unplanned emergency and safeguarding works on schools. Provides support to schools adapting buildings, where reasonably practicable, to meet the needs of children with special educational needs.

1.3. Support for Non-School related capital expenditure (£30,000)

Supporting early years and family centre settings with capital related expenditure to support the delivery of services. Examples include the provision of new external play equipment, fixed storage equipment and external shelters.

2. Roofing Works (£255,000)

2.1. Birdwell Primary – Slate Roof Replacement, Phase 2 (£150,000)

Approved as part of the 2022-23 condition programme, this project renews the original slate roof that is suffering from many cracked, spalled and slipped roof tiles.

Due to time constraints of working within the six week holiday period, it was necessary to split the works over two school years. A successful first phase of works was completed over the 2022 holiday period and this final phase will be completed over the 2023 summer holiday period.

The scheme continues the sympathetic restoration of the original roof, by carefully removing the existing slates and reusing them once the underfelt and timbers have been replaced and additional insulation has been installed. Following the first phase of works, it has been necessary to increase the funding allocated to the 2nd phase to allow for additional reclaimed slates as a result of breakages and unsuitability of the exiting slates.

The works are expected to take 8 weeks, spanning the holiday period.

2.2. Brierley CE Primary – Roofing works (£80,000)

The flat roof over the school hall is the original roof, installed over 35 years ago. In recent months, the school have addressed a number of leaks through repairs and maintenance, but this has not managed to fix the leaks. An assessment by the councils property team have recommended a replacement roof be considered.

The proposed scheme will replace the flat roof over the school hall and include additional insulation and new roof lights.

The works can be contained within the six week holiday period.

2.3. Oxspring Primary – Roofing works (£25,000)

The flat roof over the year 5 and 6 modular classrooms leaks, resulting in water penetrating the fabric of the building causing damp and mould to grow. Temporary works have been carried out to address this in the short term, but a full renewal of the roof is necessary.

This proposal replaces the flat roof area of the modular classrooms and includes additional insulation.

The works can be contained within the 6 week holiday period.

3. Electrical Works (£135,000)

3.1. Thurgoland CE Primary – Replacement Distribution Boards/ Rewiring / LED lighting (£60,000)

The Fire Risk Assessment, undertaken recently by Total Fire Safety, identified the lack of fire compartmentation around the main electrical distribution boards. The existing timber electrical cupboard offers is open into the ceiling void of the old school building. Property Services electrical have advised that due to the age of equipment and current condition, a full replacement of the distribution boards, including new cabinets is undertaken at the earliest opportunity.

In addition to the distribution works, the schools lighting type is predominantly fluorescent tubes. The proposal is to commence a phased replacement of the current lighting with LED, starting with the areas that will have the most impact in terms of lighting quality and reduction in running costs.

3.2. Millhouse Primary – Replacement Distribution Boards / Rewiring / LED lighting (£75,000)

In November 2021, a Mechanical and Electrical Condition Survey was undertaken at the school, which identified a number of defects in relation to the electrical systems. The majority of these were identified as priority D1, meaning the installation is Bad, Life Expired and/or at serious risk of imminent failure.

The main element of work is to replace the distribution boards to school and Boilerhouse, electrical rewiring to small power circuits and wherever possible, include for replacing fluorescent lighting with LED lighting.

The work has been packaged to allow for completion over the 6-week summer holiday period, with the more pressing, urgent works undertaken in this initial phase of works. It is expected that a further phase of works may be necessary to address all D1 priority items.

4. External Condition Works (£288,000)

4.1. Gawber Primary – Drainage Works / Resurface School Playground (£140,000)

The existing playground has reached the end of life, with the surface broken and sunken in places and patch repairs in various areas. The playground is split over two levels, with an upper area dedicated to ball sports and the lower for main pupil play.

The levels are separated by a steep gradient paved slope, with no fall protection. This has resulted in numerous incidents over the years, as although steps are present, they are not in the right location and pupils often use the slope to get between the two. It is proposed to remove the slope and existing steps as part of this scheme and form a new access to the upper area.

Immediately adjacent to the slope is a large wall that serves no purpose and will be removed as part of the scheme.

The playground is surrounded by mature trees, which leaves the south-eastern edge in shade. The playground has a grassed border, but grass doesn't flourish in this environment, with the lack of light and pupil foot traffic. It is proposed to extend the playground to the boundary as part of the scheme.

In terms of drainage, the school have had various works completed over the years to address persistent blockages. There is ponding on the playground because of the playground sinking in various areas. A full assessment of the drainage will be undertaken and additional gullies installed to remove surface water.

4.2. Thurlstone Primary – Drainage Works / Resurface School Playground (£80,000)

As part of a health and safety inspection, the condition of the school playground was picked up as major concern, with areas breaking up, uneven surfaces and sunken drainage gullies.

The top part of the playground is new, having been installed as part of a 2016 scheme to create additional pupil places at the school.

In addition to the re-surfacing works, the school have persistent problems with the drainage at the bottom side of the playground, thought to be because of shallow falls. This scheme provides a good opportunity to address this prior to resurfacing.

4.3. Cawthorne CE Primary – Foundation Stage Play Area Refurbishment (£30,000)

The Foundation Stage play area was formed in 2009 as part of a school extension project. The surface chosen at the time was rubber crumb, soft play installed in various colours in a circular pattern. Over the years the crumb has hardened, and gaps have appeared forming trip hazards.

In addition to surfacing, there are several raised play areas, constructed from timber decking. Emergency repairs were undertaken during the 2022 summer holiday period, as the timber framing had perished, leaving the composite decking floating and spongy in various areas.

The scheme provides the opportunity to remove these areas and replace with a single level hard standing.

4.4. Greenfield Primary – Drainage Works (£20,000)

The drainage system between the nursery unit and main school site is in a poor state of repair and having to be jetted and unblocked on a regular basis. A camera survey has identified the main cause of the problems as tree routes and the pitch fibre drainage pipes collapsing.

The proposal is to replace the drainage in this section.

4.5. Silkstone Primary – Resurface Entrance Driveway (£18,000)

The tarmac driveway that serves the school has deteriorated, resulting in significant potholes and trip hazards for pedestrians crossing it.

The proposal is to remove existing wearing course, make good any uneven or stable ground, carry out any drainage repairs that would be beneficial and provide a new wearing course.