

Existing Junior School Link area

Connection points

The proposed new Dining Hall has been designed to create internal linkage from both the Junior and Infant Schools to improve accessibility throughout both schools.

The points of connection were chosen as the windows to be connected too already exist, so it seemed the most logical solution with minimal impact. Currently they are side elevations which are hidden from full view by the existing dining block. The new dining block however has been designed to sit on a smaller footprint to remove the unsightly alleyways that currently exist between the dining block and the Infant and Junior Schools and create usable spaces which have a more appealing use. Externally the link has a light touch glass and metal connection point to the existing brickwork and the existing RWDP will be retained and hidden behind a stud wall to keep the links simple and with clean lines and detailing. The link sits just above the existing brick banding again for minimal impact at connection.

Inside the school an existing timber staircase and balcony will be adjusted to accommodate the new link. The staircase is a later addition to the school and only serves one room on a mezzanine level which too was not part of the original fabric of the building. The balcony feature can be retained and modified to accommodate the link if necessary but the staircase element will be removed.

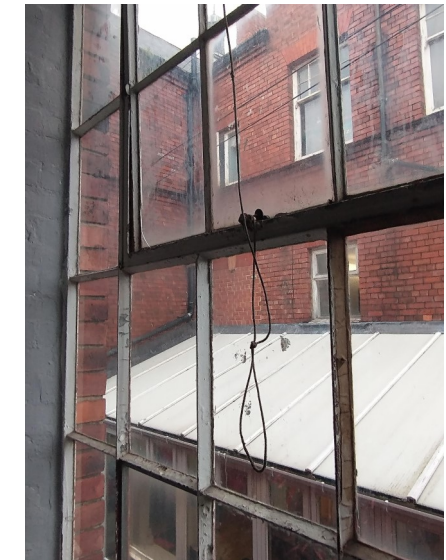
Level access is gained from this point with only the cill level requiring lowering to accommodate the existing opening is to be utilised and the upper fan light section of the opening will be retained to allow natural light into the part of the corridor. The window head detail will remain the same.



Existing Infant School Link area

Connection points

Again the infant school elevation is hidden by the existing dining block and works have historically been carried out on this elevation to modify historical openings to allow for the addition of the conservatory at ground floor. An existing opening has been blocked up and above this the proposed window for connection sits. The window the proposals modify is already individual and not consistent in style or size to the other two on this level.



Externally the link has a light touch glass and metal connection point to the existing brickwork and the existing windows opening will be retained. As there is a small difference in floor levels, a ramp has been incorporated into the scheme to provide level access between schools. Externally the only part of the elevation modified is the part already modified historically. The windows of the right of the link remain the same.

Inside the school an existing staff toilet is contained in the part of the corridor where the new link joins. This will be removed in its entirety and a secure link door added similar to the existing screen above the staff toilet. There are no heritage assets of significance in this part of the building so the link has minimal impact on the fabric of the building.

