

# Schools Direct

Helping to transform the learning environment



Prima

Integrated Facade Solutions

Is your school suffering from:

- Overheated classrooms?
- Insufficient ventilation?
- High noise levels between classrooms?
- Health and safety concerns?
- Dilapidated appearance?



...then it's time to submit  
your funding bid



## Schools Direct from Prima Systems

**We share the same goal. We want to transform declining school buildings into safe, secure and comfortable environments that will inspire generations to come.**

Prima Systems has been providing services to the Education sector for over 40 years. Our reputation has been built not only on the quality and variety of our products but also on the value of the service, support and technical advice we provide to our clients.

A wide range of complementary services are available when you choose Prima as your glazing and cladding contractor on your school improvement programme so you can be assured of our continued support throughout the entire process - from assessments, reports and surveys to support your bid application to working out of school hours to avoid disruption to the students and teaching staff.

Transformation of The Abbey School, Faversham



Before



After





# Funding Support Direct

Increasing the chances of success

# Facade Investigation Report

The preparation of a funding application can be a challenging and daunting task. Research has shown that the better presented, more informative and detailed funding applications have a higher chance of success.

Prima are able to offer a free or paid for consultation service aimed at helping you in the preparation of the technical aspects of the funding application.

Our experienced team will review the condition of the existing buildings and provide a detailed assessment of the overall operating performance of the external façade including energy calculations, ventilation surveys, health and safety assessments and compliance considerations.



- Full cost summary including **building control, planning** etc
- **Façade investigation report** detailing current failings
- **Energy calculations** to demonstrate expected improvements
- **Building 101** (ventilation in schools) survey
- Full façade **design drawings and specification documents**
- **Warranties and guarantees**
- Full **project overview** including programme, deliverability, value for money

## Previous education projects include:

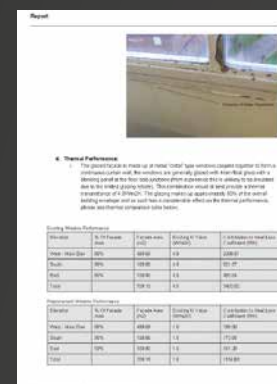
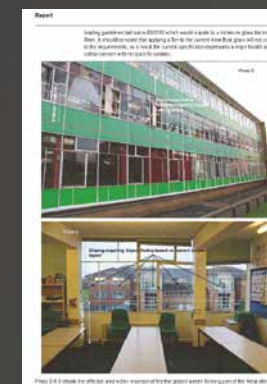
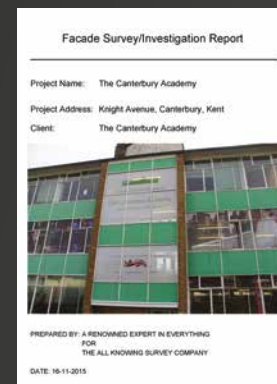
- The Abbey School, Faversham
- Canterbury Primary School
- Laleham Gap, Margate
- Repton Park Primary School, Ashford
- Canterbury College
- Wilmington Girls Grammar School, Dartford
- Trinity School, Croydon
- Maidstone Grammar School for Girls
- Oaklands Primary School, Chatham
- Norton Knatchbull School, Ashford
- Hornbeam Primary School, Deal

A thorough technical assessment is conducted on the existing façade.

This will highlight the current failings of the existing buildings as well as our expectations of the improvements once the work is complete.

The report will feature an assessment of the following issues:

- Window operational performance
- Health & safety concerns
- Glazing issues
- Ventilation issues
- Water penetration problems
- General appearance
- Thermal performance
- Conclusion and recommendations





## Work Direct

The ideal caretaker for your school improvement works

Prima Systems has a long and successful history of school improvement works.

The knowledge and experience we have gained over the years has allowed us to increase our service offering by developing the Work Direct service for our Education clients.

By choosing Prima as the sole contractor for your glazing and façade improvement project you can bypass the usual route of appointing a main contractor to oversee the project - saving you time, money and resources.

- Expert advice
- Substantial cost savings
- Concise and direct communication
- Controlled cost analysis
- Accurate programming
- Flexible and friendly project team

I would like to thank you and your team for the excellent work that has been undertaken. Your careful planning and the excellent management of the teams of staff completing the work has meant that the disruption to the school has been kept to a minimum. The resulting windows have transformed the classrooms by making them appear more modern and also by ensuring that the heat loss has been reduced.

**Mrs Maggie Bolton (Head Teacher), Wilmington Grammar School for Girls**

This project was a mix of new-build, re-model and refurbishment works all conducted within a live school on an extremely challenging site both logistically and geographically. At all stages of the works - from the intensive and unwavering design input and resolution of issues, the robust logistics planning and execution, meeting programme deadlines, working with and alongside other trades, quality of workmanship and positive, solid support - I cannot praise Prima Systems highly enough. Extremely good relationships were built and maintained and I would have no hesitation at all in using Prima Systems on the next project in which I am involved and recommending them to other contractors.

**Ben Fletcher (Project Manager), St Aloysius College - Balfour Beatty**

## Repair and Refurbishment

Prolonging the life of your school buildings

Is your building suffering from:

- Broken locks, handles or hinges?
- Cracked or misted glazing units?
- Damaged window cills and pressings?
- Water ingress?
- Regulation compliance issues?



Prima Systems provide a comprehensive repair, refurbishment and maintenance service for all types of glazing products including windows, doors and curtain walling as well as glazed screens and roofs.

- Removal and replacement of defective handles, locks and hinges
- Replacement or overhaul of existing cills, trims and pressings
- Installation of new weather seals
- Re-pointing of external/internal mastic sealants to prevent water ingress
- Upgrading glass units to meet current building regulations
- Assistance with DDA regulation compliance
- Leak investigation surveys

A large number of buildings upgraded their windows and doors to PVCu and aluminium in the 1980's. These ageing installations are now experiencing operational and compliance issues. In some instances, when a number of units are beyond repair or the building maintenance fund is over budget it is best to invest in a full replacement or upgrade.

By commissioning an upgrade solution with Prima we will find the most appropriate solution to suit the environment. In some cases the existing frames can be retained and incorporated into a new façade resulting in a cost effective solution that meets the security, thermal, operational and visual requirements. Work can also be undertaken outside of normal hours to minimise the level of disruption.

For more information on the repair & refurbishment service, please contact our maintenance department directly on 01304 843643 or email [enquiries@primasystems.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@primasystems.co.uk)





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