



## Roundwood Park School, Hertfordshire



Roundwood Park School is a mixed, 11-18 secondary school with academy status situated in Harpenden, Hertfordshire. Opened in 1956, it currently has around 1350 pupils, most of whom live in the local area and surrounding villages.

In 2018 the school recognised that it needed to upgrade its facilities in several areas in order to provide the best possible teaching environment for its pupils. Hookway were subsequently appointed to compile a number of Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) applications on the school's behalf.

Our duties included a comprehensive range of added-value services, such as:

- Meeting with the Director of Operations and Premises team to obtain the client brief
- Undertaking condition surveys on targeted areas to provide an independent assessment
- Compiling critical evidence for the CIF bid and ensuring that all DfE criteria was met
- Tendering refurbishment schemes to ensure value for money was achieved
- Providing full project management services including site meetings, reporting and snagging
- Managing the EFA portal monitoring programme ensuring that each deadline was met
- Providing technical support on a range of issues including issuing best practice advice

**Client:** Roundwood Park School

**Service Provided:** Condition Improvement Fund Support

**Contract Value:** £1.9m over five years





Following the successful CIF Applications managed by Hookway, funding was received that enabled Roundwood School to complete upgrades in several key areas. As a result, from 2019 to the present day, Hookway have been helping the school to implement a number of essential improvements:

## 2019: Pupil Washroom Refurbishment

Funding was initially granted to reconfigure, refurbish and refresh the pupil toilets across the school site. All aspects of the design, specification and tendering process were completed by Hookway, along with comprehensive project management.

The remodelled washrooms have provided a modern, safe and functional solution to a previously poor condition area. The open handwashing stations were also a very useful asset during Covid.



## 2020: Fire Safety Improvements

Over 120 single and double door sets were replaced with fully compliant fire doors to classrooms, corridors, library and offices. A brand new fully addressable L1 compliant fire alarm system was installed across multiple teaching buildings.

In addition, compartmentation to emergency exit routes was completed along with installation of direction fire signage.



## 2021: Safeguarding Improvements

Hookway redesigned the main school entrance vehicle access routes in order to improve traffic management and overall site safety.

A new sliding gate was subsequently installed along with fully automated entry and exit gates. The rear boundary and pedestrian side access gates were also upgraded to meet current safety standards.



## 2022: Gas Boiler Replacement

This project involved the removal and upgrade of the original failing boiler and control panel. The CIF funds allowed for the installation of modern, efficient and reliable boilers, along with new controls and all associated pipework.

## 2023: Heating Pipework Replacement

A number of spaces within the school will benefit from an improved, sustainable and reliable heating system. This is the result of replacing the defective leaking distribution pipework throughout main teaching blocks including replacement fan convectors and radiators to ensure the entire newly installed heating system is operating at optimal efficiency and considerably reducing energy bills.

