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By email

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Dear Nick,

Marlborough Primary School

We write to convey our sincere gratitude to Lesterose for the care and dedication employed by your team on our recent Marlborough Primary School project. We are delighted the scheme has been recognised with the recent win at the **2018 Brick Awards** which is testament to the quality of workmanship achieved by your committed team on site. One more to add to our growing list of awards!

Marlborough School presented a particular challenge for us to redevelop a dense urban site in Chelsea which took just over 5 years to complete from the first sketches draw in July 2012 to the opening of the school in September 2017. For us the material choice always had to be brick to respond to the local context and to stand as a fitting replacement for the original Victorian school. The new building was designed to command a strong civic presence with a rich palette of materials blending modern robust detailing with local historic references. We had very high ambitions for the facades and hoped they could be delivered to evoke the heroic architectural language of the Victorian school.

From our perspective as the architect, the project has been delivered to a standard that far exceeded our expectations which is most unusual for Design & Build procurement. This was underpinned by the collaborative ethos nurtured between the design team and workforce on site. The project had many logistical challenges with the constrained urban site, deep brick soffits and the circular glazed brick surrounds to the pothole windows. But the finished results are something we can all be very proud of. Having returned to the school on many occasions I'm also delighted to report the staff and children are delighted with their new home.

Thank you once again and I hope we may be able to collaborate on another project in the future.

Yours faithfully,



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