



Plaster Repair Methodology

64 Lincolns Inn Fields, London WC2A 3JX

The general condition of the plasterwork within the stairwell is average to poor with several sections of the internal walls having been re-plastered in the 1970's office refurbishment.

In order to improve the quality of the plaster finish, it is intended to repair and re-plaster in a sympathetic manner that reflects the character and age of this listed building.

It is clear from initial site inspections that large parts of the walls have been re-lined with modern plasterboard and gypsum plaster. This is generally above the dado rail which, in any case, is a 1970's addition and not original. Below the dado rail is evidence of plywood boarding. In some areas it is also evident that the ply sheeting has been added on top of a base layer of historic lath and plaster with a layer of gypsum plaster.

It is proposed to improve the current condition by re-plastering the walls that form the stairwell. These works would be completed to a very high standard, using a specialist plasterwork contractor, consistent with best practise.

The intention would be to use modern materials to replace the non-original fabric (eg the plywood sheeting). The plaster would be suitable to allow the walls to breath. In this case the intention would not be to reinstate traditional materials where it has been previously replaced.

Where lath and plaster does survive and requires repair, traditional methods and materials will be used.

This approach will retain the integrity and authenticity of this part of the building.