Sixties schools

System-building was adopted for schools in response to the baby boom and the need to replace buildings damaged in the war. These schools had a design life of 25-30 years, so many may be beyond their economic life, although frames may be reused. The comfort problems associated with lightweight construction can be addressed with insulation, solar shading and so on.

	Typical repair and alteration items	s Cost range
Upper floors	Rot to joists or floorboards: repairs to affected timber joists including lifting and re-fixing floorboards	£40 to £50 per joist
	Sulphate attack to concrete floors: isolated repairs	£110 to £130 each
Roof	Rot or infestation to timber roof members: isolated repairs and strengthening	£70 to £80 per metre
	Plywood/board roof deck reaching end of useful life: replace plywood, insulation and three layers of felt	£170 to £200 per square metre
	Asphalt roof degradation, including slumping at upstands: remove and re-cover roof	£120 to £170 per square metre
	Mineral felt, loss of integrity:	£125 to £150 per square metre
External walls	Rot, infestation and degradation of panel: replace with new insulated panels	£200 to £300 per square metre
	Cavity wall failures: repoint, replace spalling brickwork, close cracks (full repointing and allowance for isolated repair)	£70 to £100 per square metre
Windows and external doors	Potential for rot to external timber including window frames: splice repairs or replacement	£100 to £150 per splice
	Aluminium windows reaching end of useful life: replace	£300 to £400 per square metre
Water	Amend layout to remove long dead legs and add trace heating	£45 to £60 per metre