

## DARLINGTON SCHOOLS

An innovative all-purpose education village fostering a collective sense of community



Completed in 2006 the pioneering Darlington Education Village brings together primary, secondary and special needs schools on to a single learning campus with state-of-the-art facilities. The challenge for Kajima was to build the first integrated and inclusive school in the UK.

Catering for more than 1,400 pupils aged 2 to 19, Darlington Education Village, promotes a collective sense of community whilst also providing more tailored learning spaces. The school is laid out as a series of buildings linked by glazed internal streets and overlooking a village green with communal dining areas arranged as street cafes to encourage social interaction.

The result is a premier school that was awarded for its exceptional design at the 2007 Public Private Finance Awards and has been much studied by others as a unique approach to inclusive education.

### AWARDS

- Public Private Finance Award 2007: Operational Project with Best Design
- Civic Trust Award 2007: Shortlisted

### CLIENT

Darlington Borough Council

### SPONSOR & DEVELOPER

Kajima Partnerships

### ARCHITECT

Ryder Architecture

### CONTRACTOR

Kajima Construction

### FACILITIES MANAGER

Mitie

### SIZE

20,000m<sup>2</sup>

### STATUS

Operational from September 2006

