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Gerflor produce Welsh Wonder!

The Abertillery Primary School north of Newport and just South of Abergavenny in Wales can boast the longest history and tradition of educational provision in the Abertillery area, providing that all essential 'great start' for children. It's a primary school centric to the community it serves.

The new Abertillery Primary School has been built on the existing school site and serves pupils from the existing Abertillery and the Blaentillery school catchment areas. Cardiff-based Willmott Dixon Construction were awarded the contract to carry out pre-construction works. It would be a project where they would demand the highest standards of flooring throughout the school, providing a perfect opportunity for international flooring and interiors specialist Gerflor to showcase a number of their high quality products including; Taraflex® vinyl sports flooring, Tarasafe™ Ultra vinyl safety sheet flooring and their outstanding homogenous Mipolam Symbioz™ vinyl flooring.

Neal Stephens, Managing Director for Willmott Dixon in Wales, said at the time, "We've worked on many new buildings and refurbishments in the education sector and our main focus is to maintain the quality of the build while meeting the needs of the pupils and staff through this transition"

A local family-run business won the flooring contract making this new build a reality.

Carpet Services (Cardiff) Ltd was founded in 1963, when Peter Mynett began the business from his home. Very soon the tempo of growth within the company was quickened by the decision to move into contract work with Local Authorities. Today, Peter has retired and Carpet Services is run by his son Anthony and daughter Sue. It's a family business where everyone is united in maintaining the company ideals of customer service, value for money, and top quality products...a mantra that would suit the specified range of Gerflor products perfectly.

Anthony Mynett, Director, Carpet Services (Cardiff) Ltd commented, "We are category A contractors with Willmott Dixon Construction and won the Abertillery Primary School project on a competitive tender". Anthony went on to add, "The Gerflor products were specified by Torfaen Council as we had used Taraflex® from Gerflor for the Abertillery Leisure Centre sports hall. In fact, we have used Gerflor products very successfully on a number of projects and found them to be very high quality, easy to fit and work with."

Taraflex® from Gerflor has been used in many international and local sporting events and is available in 17 colours and two wood-effect designs. The Sport M Evolution product offers a P1 category shock absorbency 25% to 35% and meets the EN 14904 Standard for indoor sports surfaces. Taraflex® is also recognised for providing durability, safety and comfort without impairing performance. The range also offers greater than 45% force reduction, making it unrivalled in the marketplace in terms of offering comfort for users. Taraflex® also meets the EN Standard of 22196 for anti- bacterial activity (E. coli - S. aureus - MRSA) (3) returning >99% levels of growth inhibition. The product is also treated with ProtecSol®, which renders polish redundant and is triple action meaning no polish is ever required, it contributes to easy maintenance and is anti-friction burn and slide/grip. Taraflex® has a double density foam backing and as another bonus, it's environmentally friendly. Gerflor offers a number of installation solutions for Taraflex® including the Eco-Fit System which allows fast, free floating installation.

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The Tarasafe™ Ultra range which was also specified for a number of corridor areas within the school is a specialist slip-resistant vinyl safety flooring. Inlaid with mineral crystals particles, as opposed to industry standard carborundum giving a brighter appearance. It also comes with a tough PVC wearlayer and meets HSE guidelines. Tarasafe™ Ultra is reinforced with a glass fibre grid and is suitable for use in all areas of heavy traffic where slip-resistance, durability and hygienic conditions are required. Benefiting from Sparclean® surface treatment for extreme resistance to soiling and staining it is also treated with an anti-bacterial and fungicidal treatment. Tarasafe™ Ultra comes with a 12-year warranty and is also 100% recyclable.

Wilmott Dixon Construction also specified Gerflor's Mipolam Symbioz™ homogenous flooring which is a 100% bio-based plasticizer, made of corn and wheat, a truly environmentally friendly natural solution. It has a T Group, best abrasion resistance rating and with the exclusive and patented Evercare® surface treatment provides easy maintenance, no wax needed for life and has high stain resistance. Mipolam Symbioz™ also comes with a stunning palette of 26 natural colours enabling freedom of design. It also delivers TVOC after 28 days < 10µg/m3 => indoor air quality.

Anthony Mynett concluded by saying, "we would certainly use Gerflor products again without any hesitation"

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