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Streetly Academy at the top of the class with Gerflor!

At the Streetly Academy in Sutton Coldfield they offer a full and varied curriculum enriched by their sports college status to enable every child's learning to be adapted to their specific needs. When it came to refurbishment of the academy's flooring needs, choosing the right products would be crucial. Being truly 'fit for purpose' and delivering overall lifetime cost savings is a parameter not to be ignored. It's this very process that international flooring and interiors specialist Gerflor know only too well.

With over 70 years' experience Gerflor specialise in education by offering solutions combining technical and design characteristics for any room within the facility. The design of their products support studying in the best environment possible. Ensuring our children stay safe in any school's environment is key to Gerflor's approach.

The overall design of the project would be placed the hands of Halesowen- based Architects- Gould Singleton Ltd. Stephen J Bullock, Partner, Gould Singleton commented, "we have acted on behalf of Streetly Academy on previous projects, principally the new changing facilities for their sports centre. As Architects we prepared technical drawing specifications to enable competitive building tenders to be sought and in doing so we considered the flooring implications throughout the project". Stephen J Bullock went on to further add, "Obviously the slip resistance was very important in a number of key areas such as the kitchens, stores and staff WC's where there is greater risk of fluid spillages. Gerflor Taralay Impression Control has a slip resistant finish which complies with the Health and Safety Executives pendulum slip resistance test giving a low slip potential of greater than thirty-six and a surface roughness measurement, again giving a low slip resistance greater than twenty".

This prestigious contract would have to be undertaken by a firm of installers who could deliver a superior finish. Advanced Flooring Solutions Ltd based in Wolverhampton won the contract to transform this high-performing academy to a new height of excellence. Lee Morgan, Director, Advanced Flooring Solutions commented, "Taralay Impression Control from Gerflor was chosen as a better alternative to other products because of its design and performance".

He went on to add, "working with Taralay Impression Control is good for us as installers. It's trouble-free and provides great performance. We've worked with Gerflor products many times before and find them extremely easy to lay".

Taralay Impression Control is a multi-purpose safety floorcovering available in 2m sheet format with a Group T wear rating which makes it ideal for tough, heavy traffic environments. This brand new collection is ideal for hardworking places and has been developed specifically for an extensive range of contract applications. It's all about providing inspiration and a tough safety flooring that offers slip resistance, looks fantastic and provides outstanding performance. Pendulum Test value +36 meets HSE guidelines (BS 7976-2) and R11 ramp test value (DIN 51130).

Lee Morgan went on to further comment, "In fact all the Gerflor products provide a really good selection of alternative designs which we like very much". Lee also commented, "we find that Gerflor products are being specified more and more by architects and project managers".

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Taralay Impression Control has 24 design-led colourways and is suitable for healthcare, education, retail, public spaces, offices and other commercial interiors. In the case of Streetly Academy some 471m² would be needed in a mixture of colours ranging from Modena and Cotton through to Genova and Brescia. Taralay Impression Control also offers a hygienic solution thanks to a revolutionary UV cured PUR surface treatment for easy cleaning and maintenance. With the ProtecSol® Control surface treatment it's easy to clean, is 100% recyclable offers a state-of-the-art flooring solution for a myriad of applications.

Lee Morgan added, "the main thing is that Streetly Academy and the Architects, Gould Singleton were happy with our work, and with the finished result which Taralay Impression Control provided".

Stephen J Bullock concluded by saying, "Taralay Impression Control from Gerflor delivers a range of colours that give clean, contemporary lines which were put to the students of the academy to make the final choice for the finishing colours".

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