

Case Studies

Robert Shaw Primary School

Robert Shaw Primary School was founded in 1950 and is a City Primary with around 350 pupils. Based just outside of Nottingham city centre Robert Shaw is a double storey school with two playgrounds, a sports field, an environment area and a four seasons garden with pond.

Its indoor facilities include a hall and computer suite, where a rolling programme of redecoration and refurbishment is in operation. Robert Shaw School aims to build a safe, happy and trustworthy community where every member is valued and treated with respect.

Robert Shaw's Deputy Headmaster, David Ridsdale takes up the story of his decision to purchase the Ecoware system; " We have purchased 5 x 6 user Ecoware systems with flat screen monitors giving us 30 workstations. We made the decision to invite representatives from Kira Supplies Ltd in after seeing Ecoware at the BETT show in 2008.



Talking more about the Ecoware experience as a Senior teacher with business management responsibility at Robert Shaw, and as a user of the system himself David said; "Before we purchased the system we approached a number of existing users, everyone we approached who had Ecoware gave us incredible peace of mind on the usability and stability of the system, this in turn gave us the confidence to proceed. Needless to say we have been delighted with the outcome and have found the systems use less power, generate less heat and require less space to deploy, we have even been able to reuse the best of the older PC's we replaced for non learning tasks such as internet access."

"The ecological benefits were also key to our decision -

We encourage our pupils to be aware of the dangers of climate change.

One of our latest projects was started in an effort to reduce graffiti in Nottingham, we were asked to paint an underpass which the kids decided to use to spread the word about global warming.

We have attained the Bronze eco schools certification & aim to improve on this."

Our budget is not exclusively for ICT provision although we knew we had to upgrade. We had CRT monitors stacked on top of aging and poorly performing PCs. Cramped, hot and noisy. Plus we had to make do by putting the entire suite in a corner of the main hall, which doubles as the lunch hall, assembly hall etc, after an onsite demonstration we visited several other sites in Nottingham with Ecoware, where we discovered schools were more than happy to show off and talk about their systems with us."

When asked about the operational and financial benefits of Ecoware compared to the other alternatives on offer David says "The decision to adopt Ecoware was made for several reasons; Initially the cost to purchase was much less - We managed to kit out at a 30 user ICT suite for £9,000 when the next nearest quote was over £19,000 with similarly specified PCs."

“This is a case study in best practice.”

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“We had to stall on the purchase twice because of vandalism and leaking roofs, but the team at Kira were always patient and supportive of our requirements!"

Asked about the future potential David concluded by saying; "We expect Ecoware to pay for itself within 3 years on combined energy savings alone. As and when budget allows we intend to purchase more systems to place into classrooms and break out areas. As a school on a budget, with an environmental focus and no in- house ICT technical expertise, we'd recommend Ecoware because it's simple, affordable, and green...."



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