

Case Study



Hodge Hill Girls School

Hodge Hill Girls School is a secondary school located in the Hodge Hill area of Birmingham in the West Midlands. Formerly a grammar school, today it is a non-selective community school administered by Birmingham City Council.

In the Spring of 2017, the school approached Playrite to discuss a proposed scheme to upgrade an existing macadam playground of approx. 3000 Square Metres in size to a synthetic surface.

The area was to be used during regular break times throughout the school day and also for multi-sport / P.E activities including Netball, basketball, tennis, 5-a-side football and general exercise. The emphasis was very much on day to day use.

As the main brief for the project was a hard wearing, durable, low maintenance multi-sport surface, the solution offered by Playrite was our Matchplay 2 Sand-Dressed Needle-punch Carpet, which is a highly durable, UK manufactured, low maintenance surface, which was ideally suited to the criteria laid out by the schools estate management and the PE department. The high level of performance for individual sports was also a key factor in the requirement.

After discussions and regular meetings over a period of months between the school and Playrite and also our partner installer, DuraSport Ltd, which involved site visits to similar Matchplay 2 Multi-sport installations, a decision was made in October 2017 to proceed with the installation and the Matchplay 2 Surface.

The installation involving just over 3000 Square Metres of material, with inlaid lines for sport, was completed on time by DuraSport Ltd in early January, just prior to the beginning of the 2018 School year.

The initial feedback from the school and pupils has been extremely positive, with the facility already being used daily.



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