



Ark Charters School

Sport is not just an activity at Ark Charters School; it's a way of life. The academy believes in fostering holistic development through physical, mental, and emotional growth via a diverse range of sports and physical activities. The PE department is committed to offering students opportunities that extend beyond the standard curriculum, providing avenues for competitive play and skill development. With state-of-the-art facilities, including a 25m swimming pool, sports hall, studio, and gym, Ark Charters School is poised to nurture the next generation of athletes and healthy-living advocates.

Ark Charters School, located in a vibrant community, recognises the pivotal role sports play in shaping young minds.

However, the lack of adequate outdoor playing surfaces posed a challenge to realising the school's vision of comprehensive sports engagement. Installing a large-scale pitch was crucial, but it came with its set of challenges, including weather resilience, maintenance costs, and maximising usability.

One of the primary challenges faced was the installation of a large-scale pitch that could withstand varying weather conditions while offering year-round access. Additionally, minimising maintenance costs without compromising on quality was a key consideration. The school needed a solution that could accommodate multiple sports activities, including football and tennis, within the limited space available.

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Playrite's Matchplay 2 emerged as the optimal solution for Ark Charters School's sports facility upgrade. With its all-weather durability and low maintenance requirements, Matchplay 2 offered the perfect balance of quality and cost-effectiveness. Its versatility allowed for the creation of multiple playing zones within the same pitch, accommodating both football and tennis courts seamlessly.

Matchplay 2's ability to provide year-round access to outdoor pitches was a game-changer for Ark Charters School. Its robust construction ensures longevity, making it a sustainable investment for the future. Moreover, its low maintenance costs align with the school's budgetary constraints, allowing resources to be allocated to other areas of need.

The installation of Playrite's Matchplay 2 has transformed Ark Charters School's sports facilities, providing students with a dynamic and inclusive environment for sports participation.

The newly marked full-size pitch now accommodates two 5-a-side football pitches and three tennis courts, catering to a wide range of sporting interests.

At the time of installation, contractors Blakedown Sport & Play commented on how the product's quality and versatility had exceeded expectations, and seeing the transformation it brought to the school's sports facilities was truly satisfying. Matchplay 2's durability and low maintenance requirements make it an ideal choice for educational institutions looking to enhance their sports infrastructure.

The collaboration between Ark Charters School, Blakedown Sport & Play and Playrite underscores the importance of investing in high-quality sports surfaces to foster student engagement and well-being. With Matchplay 2, the school is poised to continue its legacy of excellence in sports education, empowering students to lead active and healthy lives.

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