

SOVEREIGN
Bringing imagination into play

Case study

Wickersley Northfield Primary School | Rotherham
Sproatley CE Primary School | East Riding of Yorkshire



"I just wanted you to know that the playground markings are great and a big hit with the children. Thanks to you and the team for pulling out all the stops so we could have our markings in place in time for the opening ceremony."

Jayne Drennan, School Business Manager, Sproatley Endowed CE (VC) School



Playground Graphics

An excellent way of enhancing any plain tarmac playground is to add exciting and colourful graphics. Sovereign's Thermoplastic Playground Markings are long lasting, self-cleaning, extra reflective, free of lead and chromates, non-slip and are available in excess of 100 different designs and colours.

Here we look at two schools, with differing needs and budgets, who are now benefiting from Sovereign playground graphics.



Wickersley Northfield Primary School, Rotherham

Wickersley Northfield Primary School is located in Wickersley, Rotherham and provides early years and primary education for up to 500 children between the ages of 3 and 11 years of age.

The issue:

The school wanted to add markings to a blank playground in a bid to improve pupils' numeracy skills and to introduce additional educational fun to its outdoor environment.

The resolution:

Wickersley Northfield Primary was fortunate to receive a grant for the work to be carried out. This was funded by The Britannia Building Society.

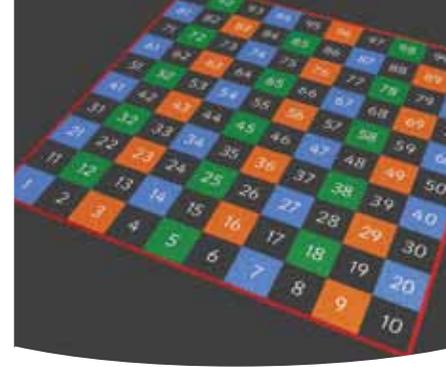
After an initial consultation with Sovereign Play Equipment, the outline plans were drawn up and then discussed further with school children and staff. As a result of these discussions a few changes were made and some ideas had to be shelved for possible later use, due to budgetary constraints.

The process:

Sovereign worked closely with the school to prepare a revised design that incorporated the required amendment. The new design was warmly embraced by the entire school and Sovereign was given the go-ahead.

The installation:

Thankfully, Sovereign was able to offer a high degree of flexibility to dodge the summer showers and install the new markings. The new markings include a dartboard, 100 number squares, a snakes and ladders game and various other number lines and ladders.



The benefits:

The school has reported improved behaviour during break times through the provision of better play facilities and the markings are a great teaching aid when it comes to numeracy and maths.

Sproatley Church of England Primary School, East Riding of Yorkshire

Sproatley Church of England Primary School is a Voluntary Controlled Church of England School in the York Diocese and in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The long established village school is set in extensive grounds and serves several villages around Sproatley. The school caters for children aged 3 - 11 and currently has 156 children including those who attend part time.

The issue:

The school needed roadway markings for its early years playground but time was tight, as Sovereign was approached in May for works to be completed by 1st June.

The resolution:

Sovereign met with the school to discuss its requirements and survey the area where the markings were to be applied. A design was quickly drafted, which was adjusted slightly following submission.

The installation:

Sovereign completed the work in just one day, managing again to dodge the terrible wet weather experienced during the early summer months. The road markings looked fabulous for the opening ceremony the school held on 1st June, which was attended by Councillor Chadwick from the East Riding of Yorkshire County Council.

The benefits:

The children love playing on the road markings and they are ideal for teaching and reinforcing road safety, as well as encouraging social interaction and imaginative play.



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