



SOVEREIGN
Bringing imagination into play



» CASE STUDY St Michael's Church School Peterborough, Cambridgeshire



St Michael's Church School is a single form entry, Church of England, voluntary aided, primary school. The school is divided into three phases, consisting of a Foundation Stage, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two year groups.

The issue:

St Michael's wanted to add a fun Trim Trail to their outdoor play space that the children could use whatever the weather, without fear of getting muddy. The school also wanted to install an outdoor learning area to enhance the learning which takes place in the school.

The resolution:

Despite the tight space restriction, Sovereign was able to design a fun, challenging Trim Trail for the children to enjoy. And, by laying artificial grass around the trail, the children could use the equipment all year round without getting dirty. Sovereign also helped the school to choose a bespoke Gazebo complete with a blackboard that would act as an outdoor classroom, thereby extending its learning provisions. It was also important that all installations blended in with the newly built school.

The process:

Sovereign designed and managed the installation of a low level Trim Trail and a bespoke Gazebo/Outdoor classroom that could be used at all times.

The installation:

The equipment was installed in intervals as the gazebo had to be manufactured to meet the school's special requirements.

The area that the school preferred the trail in was tight, but Sovereign managed to come up with a suitable low level trail that still challenged the children.

To prevent the grass from becoming too worn, the team resourcefully suggested installing a path from the playground to the Gazebo.

The benefits:

- The children at St Michael's now have an age appropriate Trim Trail that, not only provides them with something fun to do during their break times, but also encourages physical and social development skills.
- The school also has an extended learning environment that can be used in any weather and where pupils can appreciate and become inspired by their natural surroundings.



» *"The children love their new playground, they use it everyday and it is perfect for their age group and the surrounding area. The new trim trail has helped us to make the most of the space which we have for the children to play."*

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