

Stamford Park Junior School



The Issue

"A common issue with the use of coat hooks in primary school cloakrooms is that coats and bags can clutter up the floor, causing tripping hazards and lost property issues. As storage areas are normally positioned along designated escape routes, the use of coat hooks can also cause problems in emergency situations. Increasingly this is being picked up by Fire Officers during routine fire safety inspections."

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The Solution

As the UK's largest manufacturer of lockers, locker accessories and cupboards, we have come top of the class after a primary school headteacher praised the company when we supplied storage solutions for its pupils.

Cathryn Downing, Headteacher at Stamford Park Junior School, in Altrincham, Greater Manchester, said the installation of 279 multi-colour lockers in red, blue and yellow, which are located in 4 cloakroom areas off the main corridors, has had a dramatic effect on health and safety and has also led to a reduction in lost property.

We offer a full bespoke design and installation service and have the largest range of lockers, sizes and configurations in the UK. For the installation at Stamford Park Junior School we recommended colourful three-quarter height three-tier lockers for the 270 pupils. The lockers also feature Hasp & Staple locks, which allow the lockers to be closed easily by the pupils and the school has the option of locking them with a padlock.

All of our metal based storage solutions are coated with a unique BioCote® protective finish, a silver-based antimicrobial technology that reduces the risks associated with bacterial cross-contamination – a vital consideration in a school environment.

We have also introduced an innovative locker leasing programme, which allows schools to buy new storage facilities with no initial capital outlay. We are working with Investec Education, one of the UK's leading specialist finance providers for the education sector, to enable schools to have new lockers without squeezing their budgets.



"The lockers have been a real hit with the pupils and staff," she said. "The result has been dramatic, with no trip hazards from coats and bags on the floor and there has already been a reduction in lost property. I shall certainly mention what a difference it has made to our school, when I attend meetings with other Heads."

"Although in the current economic climate, lockers may not be considered a spending priority, we were able to access funds from the Devolved Formal Capital (DFC). I understand that money is still available from DFC for schools to spend before August 2011, and I would be happy to speak to any head teacher who also wants to take advantage of this funding and benefit from the installation of lockers."

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