ALL FLOORS FOR LEARNING

A NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO HIGH QUALITY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS FOR THE EDUCATION SECTOR

Commercial flooring manufactured in the UK since 1915
WELCOME TO ALL FLOORS FOR LEARNING

Floors throughout any school or college have to be able to withstand daily, high levels of traffic. For ‘best value’ flooring solutions, where high quality and high performance are a given, Polyflor is the leading UK-based manufacturer of a full range of resilient floorcoverings, ideal for today’s modern education facilities.

Advancement in looks. Safety as standard

Polysafe Wood fx offers high clarity timber effect designs, some available in a wider plank format for a more contemporary look. Featuring imperceptible, built-in aluminium oxide safety particles and providing virtually invisible sustainable slip resistance, Wood fx can be used throughout a school where spillages may occur.

Create a warm welcome for new pupils

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“We wanted a floor that looked great but was also slip resistant to keep our pupils and staff safe, all of which Polyflor’s flooring has delivered. The wood effect design works perfectly with our interior scheme and the flooring is easy to maintain.”

Safety flooring helps create a greener school

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“Our brand new facility has given our school community and the local area a real boost. Our vision has become a reality with this wonderful new building which has been designed to very high energy-saving standards.”

Playtime with safety flooring

The grey toned Silver Oak design from Polysafe Wood fx PUR was installed by Clinton Carpets flooring contractors in the playroom areas of the Paper Moon Day Nursery in Woodbeck, Nottinghamshire. Alison Hill from Paper Moon Day Nursery commented, “We chose Polysafe Wood fx as we needed a practical, hard wearing and slip resistant floorcovering that also looked attractive to help us create a safe environment that the children will enjoy playing and learning in. The fact that it is easy to clean is also a massive bonus for us in terms of the everyday running of the nursery.”

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A flexible approach to learning often requires a flexible approach to designing spaces that encourages and supports pupils throughout their studies. When part of the initial design scheme, flooring can be used to create learning zones through the effective use of design & colour, patterns and textures, making a large open space feel more conducive to learning. Good design can start from the floor up!

Eye-catching design at college

Classic Mystique PUR was used to create a unique, geometric floor design for a new STEM learning centre at Havering College of Further & Higher Education in Hornchurch, Greater London. The Polyflor Design Service team used water jet technology to precisely cut the sheet flooring which was then installed by Neil Handley.

Tony Wittridge, Head of Commercial Enterprise & Marketing at Havering College commented, “We’re delighted with the finished result that has been achieved in our new Hi-SET Hub. The eye-catching flooring design looks really impressive and we’ve had some great feedback from students, staff and visitors since the centre opened.”

A floor with an impact

Expona Flow PUR was chosen by Broad Oak Primary School in Didsbury, Manchester to smarten up their dining area and give years of performance in this high traffic area. The eye catching Reclaimed Chevron design with an inbuilt herringbone pattern, was installed by Barratt & Hughes flooring contractors and replicates the beauty of natural oak planks.

Simon Peers from Barratt & Hughes commented, “Like Polyflor’s other sheet vinyl products, Expona Flow was easy to install and a quick way to create a statement floor that really adds impact to this room. We often work with schools and those whom I have shown this installation to have been very impressed with these results, I can see these chevron designs being popular choices.”

Dynamic & geometric design

A combination of high performance flooring from Polyflor’s luxury vinyl tile and sheet vinyl flooring ranges was recently used to create a dynamic, geometric flooring design at Solihull School’s brand new Sixth Form centre.

Installed by Gladston Contract Flooring Specialists, Pearlazzo PUR was used to produce a hexagonal patterned floor design in the Solihull School’s brand new Sixth Form centre. The £4.5m new build project was managed by main contractor Speller Metcalfe and designed by the Malcolm Payne Design Group.

Sean Morgan, Sr. Deputy Headmaster, Solihull School commented, “For our state of the art Sixth Form facilities we wanted to create a bright, modern space that will motivate our students. Polyflor flooring fitted our needs perfectly, being both practical and visually appealing.”

Fun & functional flooring

Installed by Diamond Flooring, seven colours from the Expona Flow Cosmos range were selected to create a bespoke floor in the corridor of the Quwwat Islam Education Centre’s Little Sparkles Nursery. Pearlescent fragments within the decoration of the floor add depth and movement that changes with the light in the room, creating a fun yet functional flooring design.

Moulana Khalid Ibrahim, Head Teacher at the Quwwat Education Centre commented, “We’re really impressed with the finished result, the flooring looks fantastic and has really brightened up the space for summer. We’ve been getting excellent feedback from parents, pupils and staff.”

Havering College of Further & Higher Education

Broad Oak Primary School

Quwwat Islam Education Centre’s Little Sparkles Nursery

Solihull School’s Sixth Form Centre
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CLEANING & MAINTENANCE

The demands on school flooring are significant and so regular cleaning and maintenance is essential to ensure the floor remains in excellent condition throughout its life.

Top cleaning tips from Polyflor

- Regular light maintenance is more cost effective than periodic heavy maintenance and more beneficial to the floorcovering.
- Always sweep, mop sweep or dry vacuum the floor regularly.
- Always use clean equipment – dirty equipment only redistributes the dirt.
- Do not mix cleaning products from different manufacturers – They may not be compatible.
- Always remove any spillage immediately. Always remove excess water. It is not only dangerous but, on unwelded tile floors, the water can attack the adhesive and break the bond.
- Do not use cleaning products containing pine gel or phenolic acid on Polyflor vinyl flooring.
- Never apply a floor dressing which cannot easily be removed – such as polyurethane or acrylic sealers – unless approved by Polyflor.
- Never deviate from the manufacturer’s recommended dilution rates.
- Always take precautions to prevent rubber from coming into contact with the flooring. If this cannot be avoided, select darker colours of floorcovering.
- Never use abrasive pads on the flooring.
- Only use water based floor maintenance products.

POLYFLOR PROVIDES LOW MAINTENANCE OPTIONS RIGHT ACROSS OUR PRODUCT PORTFOLIO.

Refreshing look

Expona Flow Blond Oak replicates the natural beauty of timber planks and was chosen to refresh the look of the school hall at Reigate Grammar School, Surrey. The classic light oak design incorporates a polyurethane reinforcement that helps to protect the floor covering by resisting soiling and scuffing.

Carmel Grater, Operations Manager at Reigate Grammar School commented,

“For our school hall we wanted a floor that had the beauty of real wood, was easy to maintain and would give us years of performance. Expona Flow flooring hasn’t disappointed and we’re delighted with the final look of our refurbished space.”

High performance flooring

High traffic school environments often need a flooring that demonstrates outstanding durability and abrasion resistance, which is also easy to clean. A cool blue in Classic Mystique was installed in classrooms at The City of London Academy secondary school & sixth form.

Mark Whittaker-Smith, Facilities Manager at The City of London Academy comments,

“Classic Mystique PUR flooring from Polyflor was chosen to help us create a vibrant and innovative educational environment at the academy. This floorcovering is also easy to clean and maintain which is a big bonus when such a large space is covered. After the success of the first phase of the school refurbishment we plan to use Classic Mystique in the next phases of the project.”

Stylish traditions

Traditional Walnut from Expona Design portrays the beauty of natural timber. The realistic surface texture also features a polyurethane reinforcement to support a simple cleaning regime for this design-led collection.

Mr Ryan from Erskine Stewart’s Melville Schools commented,

“We needed a new floor that would be in keeping with the traditional style of our hall interior and have the look of real wood but would also be durable and easy to maintain. Our Expona Design flooring looks great and delivers on performance.”
Repeatable Solutions
Polyflor is the leading UK-based manufacturer of a full range of resilient floorcoverings, available ex-stock. The versatility of these flexible coverings creates a portfolio of accessible, hardwearing, easy-to-clean and attractive floorcoverings fit-for-purpose and ideal for today’s modern education facilities.

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Within the UK we are well positioned to support projects from our distribution centre in Oldham, equipped with state-of-the-art picking and stock control systems and by operating our own transport fleet.

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