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ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC COLLEGE  
TARAFLEX® AE SYSTEM  
WALSALL, WEST MIDLANDS

## Taraflex® Multi-Use triumph for Gerflor at St Francis of Assisi Catholic College

St Francis of Assisi Catholic College in Walsall, needed to replace their existing flooring in their main sports hall, in order to cater for the demanding needs at the facility, they would specify an Olympic pedigree indoor sports surface. The sports flooring solution that would need to deliver in terms of its safety, comfort, and performance for all of its users and there could not be any compromise in its suitability for various sports and multi-purpose activities.

The new installation also required an extremely fast turnaround, and the desired sports floor would need to be the best-in-class quality. International flooring specialist Gerflor would in turn supply 650m<sup>2</sup> of their world class Taraflex® Multi-Use vinyl sports flooring in Light Grey (Concrete) to complete the refurbishment project to the highest standards.

Chris Newey, Gerflor Specification Area Sales Manager, West Midlands said, "The existing sports hall floor was in desperate need of refurbishment. The new Concrete effect Taraflex® has transformed the look of the hall from a dated school sports hall to a fresh and very modern look."

The management and procurement process would be the responsibility of the Schools Site Manager Bernie McNally who is a former professional footballer for West Bromwich Albion and has also pulled on the green jersey for his home country Northern Ireland...so he should know a thing or two about sports performance and playing surfaces!

Bernie McNally said, "We needed to replace the old sports hall floor through necessity, as it was just concrete. We managed to view the Gerflor Taraflex® sports flooring online and through our contacts at other schools, who highly recommended that we specify Gerflor's Taraflex® Multi-Use vinyl sports flooring which would give us the option of using our sports hall for both various sports activities as well as a raft of non-sports activities."



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The installation of the new Taraflex® Multi-Use floor would be undertaken by the Solihull-based FLR Group. With over 40 years' experience in providing flooring for schools, FLR Group can transform any classroom, corridor, sports hall, toilets, and assembly hall to the highest standards.

Adam Kaid, Contracts Manager, FLR Flooring said, "We had an email enquiry which prompted the process of sourcing the correct flooring for the school. Gerflor have some of the best options and varieties out there and we are always extremely confident in the quality of their products." Adam Kaid went on to further add, "We completed the project in just six days with three fitters meeting the project requirements for a quick refurbishment." On user experience of the Taraflex® floor Bernie McNally went on to add, "We have received exceptional positive feedback from our teachers, students and outside users hiring the Gym at night."

It's also hard wearing enough to protect itself against non-sport demands often found in many demanding education environments, such as the movement of tables, chairs, and exercise equipment. This is due to improved indentation resistance and recovery through Gerflor's new innovative CXP HD+ foam technology. This versatile Multi-Use sports flooring is available in nine

woodeffect and six concrete-effect designs and four solid colours.

The Gerflor Taraflex® Multi-Use flooring was installed over an Isolsport membrane which allowed the flooring to be fitted quickly and with minimal preparation to the substrate, where the new Taraflex® flooring could be laid straight over the old floor with no extra uplift costs. As with most new installations these days, the ever-present requirement for providing a sustainable flooring solution rest with the manufacturers to produce products that address the needs of the planet head-on.

In higher education facilities such as St Francis of Assisi Catholic College many decisions are made with the well-being and development of students in mind. Using flooring products that are sustainable, suitable, and fit for purpose is a crucial element of the specification process. The Taraflex® Multi-Use installed at St Francis of Assisi Catholic College is made from 100% post manufacturing recycled waste, easily allying itself with this eco driven requirement.

International flooring specialist Gerflor is a worldwide credible supplier of a complete range of eco responsible sports flooring solutions for a host of college and university environments. Adam Kaid

also said, "The new Taraflex® sports flooring is exceeding our expectations. We very often specify Gerflor products and will continue to do so as they are easy to lay and produce exceptional results for our clients."

Bernie McNally also commented, "We would most definitely choose Gerflor's Taraflex® sports flooring again. We were extremely pleased with the final installation, it was fast to fit and very cost effective, this perfectly suited our school's urgent needs."

Chris Newey concluded, "The end users at the college will benefit from increased performance and a much higher level of added safety. The Taraflex® sports surface will be much easier to maintain for many years to come, which makes it much more sustainable when compared with alternative types of sports surfaces."

Bernie McNally ended by saying, "We are delighted with the results and how less intrusive Gerflor's Taraflex® sports flooring was to fit, against digging concrete out which would have been a lengthy, costly, and messy process.

"Our Headmaster is really impressed with the new Taraflex® sports floor, which is performing really well and also looks amazing, the before and after pictures speak for themselves."

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