

Fleet of RISO printers helps school improve efficiency



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The Client

Located in the Linthorpe area of Middlesbrough, Linthorpe Community Primary School is a founding school of the Legacy Learning Trust. It's a larger-than-average primary school, with its 700 pupils being taught in 22 single year-group classes from reception through to Year Six.

The school promotes what it calls a “culture of high achievement”, and is proud to provide a “challenging and engaging curriculum” that prepares youngsters for their future.

Overall, the school is officially rated as Good by Ofsted, although a particularly proud aspect of the reports is that the behaviour and safety of pupils is classed as Outstanding.

So, how does such a large school manage its print requirements (which can be up to one million sheets a year) and keep costs down?



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The Solution

Print plays a huge part in the life of Linthorpe, and it has been a dedicated user of RISO's cutsheet inkjet printers for a number of years. In fact, while it used to use a RISO ComColor 7050 and a number of small desktop printers, it has now taken the opportunity to upgrade to three new RISOs - two ComColor 3110s and a ComColor 7150 - and has removed all the smaller printers.

The trio of printers are located around the school - one in the lower school, one in the upper school and the third in the admin office.

The school also utilises the power of PaperCut™, the print management software that allows the efficient control and management of print and print budgets.

When called upon, the fleet of RISO devices can look after all of the school's printing needs, with nothing outsourced. From booklets to exam papers, to displays and newsletters, if printing is needed, RISO has it covered.

The Benefits

James Black is the school's Director of Finance. Not only does he have a view on the printing itself, he also keeps a very close eye on costs too. It's a key part of his role.

“Desktop printers can be expensive when it comes to cost per copy, so we had to do something. Also, desktop printers are not built for heavy duty use and they're not that fast either.

The RISO printers are fast, which means we don't have staff stood around waiting for printers to do their work. Additionally, with RISO, the costs per page are reduced dramatically, which means we could print more in colour - ideal for teachers and pupils.

We're a large school and the single RISO was in huge demand, so when the contract came up for renewal, we had a look at what more we could do.

The way we have configured it means that staff can hit print and go to the printer that is nearest to them. There's no spending time to go and find your printing. And, if one printer is being used for booklet making for example, another is available.

It has to be said that speed of printing and the low cost per page are the highlights for us. We can do more in less time. From financial and day-to-day operational viewpoints, they're perfect for what we need.

Yet one more advantage of the RISOs is that they are compact and don't have to heat up in order to get started. There are no fumes so staff aren't uncomfortable when they are using them or are working near them.

Yes, we would recommend RISO printers to other busy schools like ours.”



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