

Stockholm school saves time, money and the environment.



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The Client

Red Mountain School (Rödabergsskolan) in Stockholm is proud to say it is a “Swedish school in an international environment”.

And it is easy to see why. It has a focus on languages, with English and Swedish-speaking staff and pupils, around 600 students and more than 80 nationalities represented at the school.

It’s a modern setting, and it is clear that it places a lot of value on its surroundings.

The Challenge

The school had previously used a RISO duplicator that was a complement to its more traditional copiers, although it provided the advantage of greater speed and reduced costs.

But in 2010, Stockholm government authorities introduced a central management agreement whereby public bodies were limited to using a restricted range of toner-based models.

Unfortunately, this change often meant rising costs and wasted paper - print jobs from computers were often forgotten or appeared between the print job of someone copying manually.

For a school that needs to keep an eye on costs and has a healthy regard for the environment, this was not an ideal solution.

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The Solution

While he has a number of roles, including teaching, Gavin Johns co-ordinates the IT resources at Red Mountain School.

Like most schools, large volumes of materials are printed on a daily basis including booklets, posters, newsletters and worksheets.

The school has approximately eight contracted small desktop printers and two contracted toner-based printers. But, as a solution to reducing costs and cutting waste, the school also takes advantage of two high-speed 120ppm RISO printers, a ComColor FW5000 and a ComColor 7050.

The Benefits

Although Gavin says that it is difficult to do a direct comparison in terms of cost between using the toner-based devices and RISO devices, he says that: “The bottom line is, we know they are cheaper per A4 copy. Why would you use more costly printers when you know you don’t have to? The RISO’s win on total cost of ownership.”

But it’s more than pure economics for Gavin. He comments: “A key advantage with RISO, when compared to traditional copiers, is the printing speed and their eco credentials. Due to their unique inkjet technology, the speed is phenomenal at 120ppm, and no other printers get close to it. It means there’s no unnecessary down time for teachers and staff. The high-speed also means reduced time spent printing; this, along with the RISO’s using less electricity than other similar devices, means a saving on energy bills.

“There are also no longer minuscule toner particles in the air, as with toner-based copiers, which means a better working environment for all. RISO printers also have a low working decibel level.

“These are all things that really matter to everyone at the school and the working and learning environment.

“Also, it’s quite clear that paper wastage has been reduced to almost zero, as print jobs from a computer go to a queue on the RISO hard disk, which requires the sender to press print at the copier. This can be PIN-code protected if required. This is yet another key benefit for us of the RISO’s.

“With their cost per copy, speed and environmental benefits the RISO’s offer far more than being a simple printer. If all the schools in Stockholm could use the RISO devices, it would make such a huge difference.”

Gavin also appreciates that with RISO, there is not only the speed aspect, there is the opportunity to do more, such as booklet making and stapling. For the school, it saves time and makes the working environment more efficient.

So, which would he and his colleagues prefer to use, the RISO devices or the toner-based printers?

He said: “As I have stated, we have the two traditional toner-based copiers but in all honesty, they are rarely used. Once you experience the speed of the RISO, you won’t go back. In a stressful school environment, speed and dependability is key.”

In Sweden, Gavin works closely with RISO through their Platinum Partner Master Office. He says: “They care about customer satisfaction, have an extremely professional support team, both for the software and hardware, and same-day service is the norm rather than the exception.”



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