



St Stephens C of E
Primary School

Lessons in managing cost and adding colour



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The Client

Tight budgets and rising costs mean that all the sums have to add up more than ever before for schools across the country.

Add to that the requirements of a 500-pupil, two-form entry primary school with 80 staff, and it could be a headache for some.

But staff at Blackburn’s St Stephen’s CofE Primary School, one of the largest primary schools in the county of Lancashire, have ensured that their printing solutions are top of the class by harnessing the power of print with a ComColor 7150.

The Challenge

In schools, like St Stephens, which can print up to 33,000 items a month, printers not only have to be reliable but also cost-effective.

Susan Hardwick, School Business Manager at St Stephens said: "Cost is a main factor when choosing suppliers. It has to be, as well as reliability.

"We need to print out a range of materials, such as letters and schoolwork, but we also know that we don't always have to print on top-quality, glossy paper. Some people think they need to print on glossy paper, which can be expensive with expensive printing costs, but it's not always needed."

The Solution

The ComColor 7150 at St Stephen's is part of the newest stable of full colour printers from Riso, with speeds of up to 120ppm. Compact and easy to use, there is no drum or toner, no high-temperature fusing process which makes it more environmentally-friendly than existing 'traditional' printers. It also takes less than 5 seconds to startup.

Printing has evolved over the years, with Riso at the forefront of developing solutions that work for people and organisations needing to print high volumes at high speed and low-cost; ideal for schools. Riso printers/copiers use unique cold inkjet technology resulting in them being much more reliable than traditional toner printer/copiers. This means there is less machine downtime which greatly benefits busy users.

Susan explained: "The printer is in a room on its own. We know we can leave it there because it does not overheat, like some printers can.

"Riso offers the ability to print what we need. It's easy to use when you have been trained, and the support from the sales team and the engineers at Riso has been very good."

St Stephens is one of hundreds of schools across the UK who are harnessing the power of print with Riso's unique solutions.



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