



King's Ely, UK

## Altro stand the test of time in historic school

### Altro Whiterock White™, Altro Stronghold™ 30

The proven combination of Altro Whiterock wall sheets and Altro Stronghold 30 safety flooring has been so successful in the kitchen at one of the world's oldest schools, that after 15 years of service it's been chosen again for a total refurbishment.

King's Ely is a co-educational independent day and boarding school in Cambridgeshire. It was founded in 970 AD. Fifteen years ago, the school's 'monastic barn' kitchen was fitted with Altro Whiterock White and Altro Stronghold 30 to provide a high level of safety, hygiene and aesthetics.

Shirley Jolly, the school's catering manager, says: "This is a busy commercial kitchen, which produces 1,600 meals per day with three sittings, so the flooring and wall has to be hygienic, tough, durable, practical, easy to clean and have superb safety credentials. Plus of course it needs to be suitable for use in a very old building that dates back to 1375 AD.

"In addition, we are very proud of our Five Star food and hygiene rating from the Environmental Health Agency, so we are passionate about maintaining our excellent standards. Using the right products in our kitchen to help us achieve that is paramount.

"Fifteen years ago we had Altro Whiterock installed, and we have been delighted with it over that time. It's hygienic and has been very easy to maintain, just needing a regular wipe down. It's proven to be ideal for our busy commercial kitchen.

"So we definitely wanted to use it again for the refurbishment, but this time we wanted it floor to ceiling – giving total encapsulation. This meant that we could cover all the hard-to-reach places around the doors and windows - and there are some tricky areas as this is a very old structure - to make cleaning as easy as possible and further improve hygiene."



Shirley continues: “The Altro Stronghold 30 safety flooring was also a very good choice for us 15 years ago. As a safety flooring it’s second to none, plus it’s incredibly hard-wearing and nice looking as well. It was still in very good condition, but we decided to upgrade it with new Altro Stronghold 30 for the refit.”

The Altro wall sheets and flooring for the refurbishment were installed by Altro Whiterock Premier Installer Elite Interiors. Contracts co-ordinator Dave Barnard, says: “This school kitchen is the perfect example of how Altro Whiterock and Altro Stronghold 30 work together to create a long-lasting, safe and hygienic environment in commercial applications.

Shirley Jolly comments: “The new kitchen looks fantastic, and we are so pleased with the results. The whole area looks brighter and fresher, and has insured a safe, clean and hygienic kitchen for the foreseeable future.

“I think the test of a happy environment is whether the staff are taking care of it, and that is certainly true here. They are thrilled with their new kitchen and very proud to be working there.”

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