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## Durham Johnston School



Durham Johnston School aims to be a school where every child achieves beyond expectations.

The school works for excellence and equity and for the pupils to have the benefits and advantages that can confer success and prosperity.

For over 50 years Durham Johnston School had been a split site school with 1.5 miles between sites, with the main building dating back to the 1930's.

As part of the BSF (Building Schools for the Future) initiative the school has moved into a stunning new building situated just feet away from the old site.

The vision of the Project Team was to create a landmark building which would be modern, spacious and full of light. The front entrance of the school is stunning with a combination of brightly coloured panels, glass and corrugated aluminium.

The three storey building has state of the art equipment, is acoustically controlled and with the security of the pupils and teachers at the forefront of design.

The Project Team partnered Godfrey Syrett to procure both fitted and loose furniture, which would provide innovative solutions in keeping with the flagship status of the school.

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In keeping with the modern and fresh design synonymous throughout the school, bright and colourful furniture was designed and manufactured by Godfrey Syrett.

To meet the exacting needs of the teachers and pupils, bespoke desking was designed particularly for the ICT and music classrooms.

Examination rooms were furnished with square tables with brightly coloured tops and round tube frames. The tables needed to be flexible enough to be ‘stand alone’ examination desks, butted together to make long runs of desking and also be stackable.

Frodo four legged seating with classic black polypropylene seat and chrome frames were used throughout the classrooms, whilst Flou VDU chairs provided maximum comfort and ergonomics.

The sixth form students were rewarded with stylish and modern study and social rooms. The study room was furnished with tables from the ALTO 100 range and Frodo chairs, whilst the social room used Vent dining & poseur tables and Vent bistro chairs and high stools.

The staff also needed somewhere to relax and unwind and the enviable staffroom was achieved with Courier tub chairs and Milano low circular coffee tables.

As the school reaches the concluding phase of the project, Graeme Carter reflects “The all encompassing service provided by Godfrey Syrett and the ability to provide all of the fitted and loose furniture was an important factor in being awarded the contract. We are also delighted to service projects of this magnitude using a local company.”

Indeed, our Durham manufacturing facility is within a 10 mile radius of the school, placing the children of some of our employees within the catchment area and actually attending the school.

