

Cape Cornwall School

Building and Grounds - Criterion 8

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Healthy School Validation: 2000

School Details and Context

Cape Cornwall School is a small, caring comprehensive with 580 pupils. It is sited at the tip of Cornwall and provides a high standard of education, both academic and social. Pupils are, on the whole, happy to be there.

How the need was identified

Ken Hall was covering a science lesson. While teaching in the lab he realised how dark and uninspiring it was and how depressing a room for both the teacher (who operates in the room all week) and for the pupils.

He then surveyed the whole school and decided that over the next five years they would have to update all rooms and all the furniture, so that pupils and staff could operate in a clean and healthy building. Moral amongst staff would be raised and pupils would enjoy being in the rooms which would hopefully lead to improved learning.

Steps taken to meet the criterion

The following targets were identified:

- All lighting to be updated, replaced where required and added to if needed. Both internal and external lighting to be updated.
- Classrooms to be repainted with pastel colours.
- New curtains and carpets, where necessary.
- New toilet blocks for pupils.
- New display areas inside and outside the classrooms.
- New entrance area, with pupil displays.
- Outside play area refurbished.
- Outside pupil seating and garden areas to be created.
- Refurbish swimming pool and PE stores.
- Update parking facilities.
- Introduce a "water" policy by installing water cooled drinking fountains and for water to be available to pupils in lessons.

- Lockers for pupils.
- Update CDT area.
- New tables and chairs throughout the school.

Plans were drawn up by Ken Hall and advice sought from governors, staff, pupils and County Hall. Pupils chose the colour schemes and design for the new toilet blocks; staff chose the colour schemes for their rooms. The lighting programme was undertaken with a very helpful officer at County Hall, John Garnet.

Outcomes

There is more to do over the next three years. However, quite a lot has already been achieved.

- The school has completely renewed all of the lighting in the school. Rooms, corridors, display areas and the outside are all brighter. Staff headaches are down.
- The pupils are delighted with the two new toilet blocks (£ 15,000) and the school is organising the next block to be done. This will mean a complete refurbishment.
- DES/Technology refurbishment plans have been drawn and the work is out to tender.
- One water cooler for pupils is about to be installed and all pupils are now allowed to take water bottles with them into all lessons. This is valued by students and is not being abused.
- Eight rooms have been redecorated (pastel colours) with new ceilings, new notice boards, whiteboards (five of them with interactive boards), new curtains and new lighting.
- Five rooms have received all new tables.
- Five rooms, plus the library, have received new chairs (all with cushioned seats and backs).
- There are no blackboards left in the school. They have all been converted to whiteboards.
- The foyer has been carpeted and new seating for visitors has been purchased. A large display board to highlight success has been placed in the foyer.
- Spotlights have been fitted to enhance student displays all around the main hall.
- Two classrooms are in the process of being redecorated and new ceilings fitted.
- The play area has been updated, resurfaced and remarked.
- Outdoor seating and lights have been installed.