



## SWINDON PRIMARY SCHOOL INSTALLS HARMONIOUS CLASS CHANGE AND PA SYSTEM

### SUMMARY

#### Overview

Industry: Education

Solution: Harmonys Class Change & PA System

#### Benefits

- To ensure morning and lunch breaks begin and finish on time
- Differentiate between routine alerts and emergency alarms
- Communicate to staff
- Broadcast different announcements to each group of students
- Provide an efficient approach to lock down / evacuation



#### About Bodet Limited

Bodet has provided clocks, class change, PA and Time and Attendance solutions for over 25 years.

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St Francis C of E Primary School is a two class entry primary school in North Swindon, Wiltshire. School Business Manager, Gabby Clark explains the benefits they found after installing Bodet's Harmonys Class Change and PA system:

### What was the challenge you were looking to overcome initially?

*"We previously used a hand bell to announce breaks, but this was far from ideal. St Francis is a primary school, so we don't change classes, but the lunch and break times are different for each group of children. We needed a system that could communicate distinct announcements at the right time to each of the different groups of children. In an emergency we have a fire bell which alerts the staff and children to evacuate the premises. However, if a situation arises which requires the school to go into lockdown, there was no way we could communicate it quickly, which could compromise the safety of the school"*



### What system was installed?



Bodet Ltd installed a Harmonys automated bell system which runs across the IT network using Power Over Ethernet (POE) to power the system, so it requires minimal additional wiring. The central control unit stores 18 different melody sounds to announce specific events such as start and end of school as well as mid morning and lunchtime breaks. The school also added a microphone and emergency button which integrates with the Harmonys system, and allows verbal announcements to be broadcast live throughout the school or recorded for storing on the main control unit.

### What are the benefits of the equipment for your school?

*"The zoning facility is a real benefit to us. It means that we can make general announcements to the whole school, or we can send specific melodies or announcements just to the KS1 or the KS2 pupils. Each of the children and staff in the groups recognise their own sounds, so they know it applies to them, and it works very well. We can also create specific announcements which tell staff and students clearly what they need to do in an emergency. Fortunately we haven't had to use it yet, but it's reassuring knowing it's there if such a situation should arise."*



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