

Agility manages maintenance at the Emmanuel Schools Foundation



“Agility heads the way in providing simple, easy-to-use maintenance software solutions for schools.”

18th July 2006: SoftSols Group, a leading provider of maintenance management software, today announces that the Emmanuel Schools Foundation (ESF), which promotes high standards within comprehensive secondary education, has purchased its web-based maintenance management system – Agility. Agility will help the Emmanuel Schools Foundation to manage its main assets effectively – £75 million worth of buildings and infrastructure across three education sites.

ESF is based in the north-east of England and covers three educational sites in Middlesbrough, Doncaster and Gateshead. Emmanuel College opened in 1990 and is among the top five percent of schools in terms of academic results in England. It was joined by The King’s Academy and Trinity Academy, which were set up at the request of local authorities to replace underachieving schools.

Using Agility Maintenance Management Software, ESF is developing a register of its assets across all three sites. This will enable it to control and maintain all of its assets and develop work records and job sheets for all its maintenance staff to replace the in-house timesheet system.

Mark Boyers, Project Manager at the Emmanuel Schools Foundation, comments:

“There was a need to manage the plant from a financial perspective, but more importantly from a maintenance point of view. Schools are historically pretty poor at managing their buildings efficiently. We want our buildings to be immaculate and effectively managed.”

“We chose Agility because it is web-based and gives us the flexibility to manage our assets across the three sites centrally and to update the system regularly. What attracted us to Agility was its simplicity. Other systems we looked at seemed overcomplicated. All our staff need to be able to use the software, not just the IT specialists, and Agility makes this possible. With Agility, we have an advanced solution that allows us to manage a large number of assets effectively, saving time and money.”

ESF is a charitable organisation that aims to raise the quality of education by focusing on the development of the individual, regardless of ability. All three schools operate within areas of socio-economic deprivation and are designated by the Department of Education and Skills as ‘independent schools with religious character’.

David Hipkin, Managing Director of SoftSols Group, concludes:

“Because Agility is web-based, it is ideally suited to organisations like the Emmanuel Schools Foundation. It will allow the schools to manage all of their assets across the three sites consistently, enabling them to maintain high standards through managed maintenance.”

About the Emmanuel Schools Foundation

The Emmanuel Schools Foundation (ESF) exists to promote the highest possible standards within comprehensive secondary education through provision based upon Christian principles.

The Foundation is based in the north-east of England and its schools operate within areas of socio-economic deprivation. The schools are non-fee-paying and work with the Department for Education and Skills and their local communities in their pursuit of ‘personal best’ achievement for all students.

www.emmanuel-schools.org.uk

About SoftSols Group

SoftSols Group has an established 22-year track record within the maintenance management sector. The company’s market-leading maintenance management products are used by a wide range of customers in a diverse spread of industries across the world, including PZ Cussons, Unilever, Wellstar Hospital Group, D. S. Smith, Hanson Building Products, National Exhibition Centre, Barbican, OCS and Emcor.

Agility is the company’s next-generation maintenance management product that provides a cost-effective route for businesses to tailor the maintenance function to meet their exact needs. Real-time operational data, key performance indicators and schedules are accessible through browser technology, providing businesses with a complete overview of their work processes.

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