

Case Study: The Two Counties Trust

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The Two Counties Trust is a large and active multi-academy trust operating numerous secondary schools across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. With thousands of students and staff moving through its buildings daily, the Trust manages a complex and high-traffic estate that demands rigorous attention to safety and compliance. Its schools serve as vital community hubs, hosting a wide range of educational and extracurricular activities throughout the academic year—making robust fire safety measures essential to ensuring the wellbeing of all users.

The Challenge

The client appointed KFS on a three-year contract, to carry out fire risk assessments for each academy during the school holidays and within a short timeframe.

KFS also needed to support during the construction phase of any new buildings, which included advising contractors on passive fire protection and detection systems to resolve any issues.

Contracting Client:

The Two Counties Trust

Location:

Various schools across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire

Sector:

Education

Key Elements:

- Large academy school trust - multiple sites
- Fire risk assessments and risk profiles
- Passive fire protection and detection systems
- Communication and long-term working relations



The Solution

Close liaison with individual site managers and The Trust's Head of Health, Safety and Risk enabled the works to be completed efficiently across each site. Doing the work during the school holidays meant that any disruption was kept to a minimum.

KFS engineers were able to review Kiwa reports from previous site visits to enhance their knowledge and inform any decisions. This made for a slicker process when it came to carrying out pre-occupation fire risk assessments on new estate buildings.

As KFS has an established working relationship with The Trust, communication with site managers and head office staff is highly effective.

The Outcome

KFS experts were able to successfully deliver their fire risk assessment programme across all sites and identify any outstanding risks.

Throughout any new building construction works, KFS engineers gave advice to contractors to ensure the solutions to any issues were joined up and met the required fire safety standards.



"Since our foundation, we have continued to deliver robust, innovative and cost-effective fire safety solutions.

Indeed, we have lent our expertise to developments right across the built environment spectrum, from the necessities of Residential, Education and Healthcare to the more iconic buildings of the past, such as historical royal palaces and stately homes."

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