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Type of site:

Comprehensive secondary school

Location:

Crawley, UK

Number of doors/users:

- 60 doors
- 2000 pupils

Solution required:

- Ensure pupil safety
- Keep expensive school equipment secure
- Protect confidential information

Result:

- Paxton's Net2 PaxLock installed across the school's five buildings
- A wireless and networked security solution controls the flow of pupils, protects sensitive areas and ensures the safety of expensive school equipment

Five Buildings on one site:

- Lower school
- Middle school
- Upper school
- Technology block
- Learning Resource Centre

Paxton products used:

- Net2 software
- 62 x Net2 PaxLock

> As regular installers of Paxton, we knew that we could provide a networked access control system, which suited the modern feel and look of the school, but was still robust and low cost.

Carl Bell, Sales Manager
Vistec Systems Ltd

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Hazelwick School is a large, vibrant comprehensive secondary school based in Crawley, West Sussex. Established in 1953, the school is highly regarded both academically and socially, with a strong sense of community and outstanding quality of teaching.

At the heart of the school is a caring and cohesive learning environment where all students are made to feel safe, happy and valued. With the pupil population growing to almost 2,000 in recent years, security has become an increasingly important contributor to maintaining pupils' happiness and wellbeing.

Requirement

Steve Smith, Network Manager at the school says: "As the school has developed and grown, Hazelwick determined the need for a well-rounded security solution that would manage and control the flow of pupils, protect sensitive areas and assure the safety of staff, students, and expensive school equipment."

Solution

Carl Bell, Sales Manager at Vistec Systems specified Net2 PaxLock, Paxton's networked access control solution in a door handle. Net2 PaxLock wirelessly controls access to doors around a site, from a central PC, with easy to use software. The wireless unit easily replaced door handles on over 60 doors across five buildings; lower, middle and upper schools, the technology block and Learning Resource Centre.

Net2 PaxLock uses Paxton's low power and secure wireless technology to communicate to the server PC. The battery powered unit is a simple way to secure and control access in and around a building and can be installed quickly, as it doesn't require mains power. Carl says: "Each door handle

could be fitted in less than 10 minutes, which is useful on a large installation like Hazelwick School. It made the job a lot faster for us and minimised disruption to the customer, as the whole job was completed in only three weeks."

Result

Net2 PaxLock now protects expensive equipment in specialist IT areas, music practice rooms and science and technology blocks. With recent investment made into providing high-quality equipment to pupils in these curriculum areas, it was a requirement to ensure that students are only allowed access when permitted by school staff.

Net2 PaxLock also works seamlessly with Paxton's Net2 access control software. Hazelwick school utilise the timezone feature in Net2 software to control pupil traffic, to open doors only during specific periods of the day. Pupils and parents can now come and go freely during mornings, breaks and home time slots, whilst the school is secured automatically outside of these free access times.

Steve says: "Choosing a wireless security system has made a potentially time consuming and expensive project much simpler and has helped us to meet budget requirements. Net2 PaxLock requires minimal maintenance and has given staff, pupils and parents peace of mind that Hazelwick School is providing a safe and happy learning environment."