

Faced with the opportunity to write the design brief for the refurbishment and extension of his school, Headteacher Steve Hall was able to have a big say in how the school was designed for learning. He was also able to decide how the school would be fitted out with equipment that would encourage collaboration between staff to create an enhanced learning environment for children.

"Six months before the new buildings were opened we had to take the risk about whether or not to install interactive whiteboards in each classroom."

"Once we saw the potential of the software we knew it was worth the risk. We haven't been disappointed – the children have responded very positively to the whiteboards. Learning has come alive for them and the staff have taken to the new technology with great enthusiasm. We have visitors every week to come and look at the whiteboards. They all leave green with envy ready to do anything to get interactive whiteboards fitted in their own classrooms." – Steve Hall, Headteacher

"Showing parents around and letting them see the whiteboards in action, they can see what an impact they have on the children. Even the most cynical visitor cannot help but be impressed by the learning opportunities they create." – Bill Brown, Chairman of Governors

"Staff can plan lessons at home using the prep-pad. Building in hyper-links to your lesson plans so that you can teach direct from the internet is a whole lot more interesting than making and photocopying worksheets." – Karen Chapman, Year 5 Teacher

"The whiteboards are a brilliant tool for staff INSET. Sharing and capturing ideas using the flipchart on the whiteboard, then using it to create the way ahead in front of your eyes is far more stimulating and productive than using traditional 'get in a group and discuss' methods." – Sandra Guthrie, Literacy Coordinator

Jenny Hawkins, the Director of Education for Staffordshire, acknowledges the value of the investment. "I've just seen my vision for the future of primary schools in Staffordshire" quoted Jenny on her first visit to the new facilities at Cooper Perry.

None of the staff at Cooper Perry is a computer whiz-kid. The day before the new school opened the staff received their initial instruction in the use of the whiteboards. By the following morning all the boards were being used and by the first week the staff had learned enough to support one another and to try out all of the resources. "It has brought a whole new approach to teaching and learning at Cooper Perry" – Kate Johnson, ICT Subject Leader

Ann Jones, Deputy Head – "The interactive whiteboard is a great multi-sensory tool. Those children who learn in a visual way are captivated by the board and concentrate for sustained periods; those who prefer an auditory approach are far more receptive to ideas and to participating in class discussion; and those children who learn in a kinaesthetic way love to 'come and have a go' for themselves. The boards provide a learning tool that caters for all learning styles."

"When the whiteboards were first introduced everyone concentrated more because they were new and interesting. After we'd had them for a while we became used to them and just enjoyed being able to join in much more with the lessons. It's wicked to have a go!" – Hannah, Year 6 Pupil

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# Promethean Whiteboards Cooper Perry Golden opportunity...

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## Promethean Whiteboards Cooper Perry Primary School a golden opportunity

"It was a golden opportunity to influence and to bring together all the ideas that I've gathered in all the years that I've been teaching, and put those together into a design brief."

Steve Hall, Headteacher, Cooper Perry Primary, Seighford, Staffordshire



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