

## ABOUT DROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL



There are two elements to the Drove People's Centre and they work closely together to serve a wide and diverse community. Drove Primary School caters for children from nursery age to year 6. The Drove Children's Centre offers full core services, has corporate facilities and runs adult learning courses.

Mark Weller, Network Manager at the site, is responsible for the ICT provision at the campus which consists of a CC3 network and about 140 computers; of which around 90 are in the school, the rest being in the children's and adult learning centres. All classrooms have 2 PCs and an interactive whiteboard with RM Easiteach software. There is a notebus of 13 notebooks to share and all teachers have their own notebooks too. They also have an ICT suite containing 16 machines.

## Case Study

# Drove Primary School

Enterprise Print & Copy Management

## THE PROBLEM

As an eco school Drove were keen to find new ways of being green. Mark worked out that they were printing about 299 pages per day - that's 3.86 pine trees per year! This does not account for the environmental cost of all the toner and cartridges that they were getting through. In addition to this environmental cost, Mark worked out the financial cost to the school was £6,500 per year!

It was clear that something needed to be done to reduce this impact and so Mark looked into the options available. He wanted a solution that was easy to use, would work well for the school and included reporting facilities.

## THE SOLUTION

After defining these goals Mark researched all the available options and decided that Pcounter offered the best value for money.

Mark says 'It's very comprehensive, does some things the others didn't do and would save me a lot of time'. He also liked the pop-up windows which would inform the user of the cost of their print job and give them the option to cancel after receiving this information.

They decided to only implement print control for staff as the children tend to only print when told to by a teacher. Each teacher is given a free allowance which is refreshed on a monthly basis, if they need to print above their allowance Mark is able to facilitate this and charge it to the appropriate year group. Teaching assistants are rarely given extensions on their free allowance, instead Mark is able to report on what they have printed and help them identify which items are inappropriate.

Mark set up a page on the staff intranet to make them aware of the cost of printing each page (which varied by printer) and added some key facts such as their consumption of 299 pages per day or 3.68 trees a year. He also sent out a couple of explanatory e-mails and held a training session so that all the staff understood how to use the new system.

## BENEFITS

Drove Primary School is now saving at least two trees a year and staff have a better awareness of the true cost of printing thereby benefiting the school financially and environmentally.

Mark Weller  
Network Manager  
Drove Primary School

## How did the implementation go?

'It was simple, a no brainer, 10 minutes and it was on!'

## COMMENTS

If you're looking at an advanced print control solution Mark says 'Research it, make sure it'll do what you want it to. It needs to be looked after and administered to get the most out of it, oh and use the 60 day free trial - switch off CC3 printer credits and have a go with Pcounter for a month to see if it suits you.'

And would he recommend Pcounter? 'I already have'