



Play area transformed at Derrymount School in Arnold thanks to homebuilder Bellway



Pupils at Derrymount School's Churchmoor Lane site in Arnold can now scoot and ride around their outdoor play area thanks to homebuilder Bellway.

There was broken surfacing and brickwork on the special school's play area, so they got in touch with Bellway, which is building homes a few miles away at its Sherwood Gate development in Linby, to see if the company could help.

And the housebuilder stepped in to put the play area right by paying over £4600 for a new wet pour soft surface to be laid by playground specialists Kompan, and arranging for the brickwork to be repaired, and a wooden perimeter to be added.

Deputy Headteacher at Derrymount School, Laura Williams, said: "The staff and students at Derrymount School are grateful to Bellway for their hard work and generosity in creating a safe space for students to ride their bikes and trikes.

"The use of these bikes and trikes is beneficial for their social and emotional wellbeing and allows students to develop their listening skills in a fun way, outside of the classroom environment, where some students can struggle to remain focussed due to their special educational needs. Thank you to Bellway from all at Derrymount School."

The school delivers provision for a wide range of needs including pupils who have autistic spectrum condition (ASC), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and attachment

disorder. Their Churchmoor Lane site caters for pupils in Primary and Key Stage 3 while the Sherbrook Road site is for pupils in Key Stage 4 and post-16.

Adoptions Engineer at Bellway, Andy Pollard, organised the work at Derrymount School. He said: "It was a privilege to be involved in such a worthwhile job. Having the opportunity to play outside and cycle is beneficial for all children – but especially important for the youngsters at Derrymount School. It is certainly rewarding to know that the pupils will be able to ride around in safety as a result of this refurbishment."

To find out more about Sherwood Gate, visit <https://www.bellway.co.uk/new-homes/east-midlands/sherwood-gate> or call 0115 672 6788.

Captions

Andy Pollard from Bellway with Stefan 9, teacher Rebecca Hopewell, Ethan 9, and Victoria Wilkinson from playground specialists Kompan at Derrymount School's refurbished play area.

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