

## Greenwood Academies Trust reduces cross-contamination with Dorgard SmartSound



### Site overview

**Sector:** Education / Academy Trust

**Fireco Solution:** Dorgard SmartSound

**Solutions Provided:** 238

### Customer requirements:

- Reduce the need to touch door handles

“The Greenwood Academies Trust (GAT) currently has 36 open academies educating approximately 17,000 pupils across seven local authority areas including Nottingham City, Nottinghamshire, Leicester City, Northamptonshire, Peterborough, Lincolnshire and Central Bedfordshire.”

### Cross-contamination worries for fire doors and handles

Fire doors are a crucial part of a school's fire safety plan. Most rooms will have a fire door installed so that they can reduce the spread of smoke and fire if an emergency were to happen. However, to do their job, fire doors need to remain closed. Harry Segrove, Health & Safety Assistant at GAT explained that “doors were constantly having to be opened and closed when used, increasing risk of COVID transmission.”



“**Dorgard SmartSound has helped us keep our staff, pupils, visitors etc. safe, from both a fire safety and COVID-19 perspective.**”

Harry Segrove, Health & Safety Assistant

Since the beginning of the pandemic, scientists have been researching the virus to find out how it's transmitted and how it can be prevented. It is thought that there's a chance the virus can be spread from contaminated surfaces, meaning that reducing touchpoints is vital in reducing the spread of the virus.

### **Dorgard SmartSound prevents the need to touch door handles**

The Health and Safety Team recognised that they needed to take action and came to Fireco to help “reduce risk of COVID-19 transmission”. GAT chose to have 238 Dorgard SmartSound's installed at their schools to minimise the need for people to touch the doors to gain access.

Dorgard SmartSound is an acoustically-activated fire door retainer that holds doors open and releases them to close upon the sound of the fire alarm. By holding the doors open safely and compliantly they are lowering the chances of cross-contamination in their schools.

**For more information on how Fireco can assist with your school's COVID-secure strategy, call our team today 01273 320650**

