



Miele's new washers and dryers score top marks at Oakham School A day doesn't go by at Oakham School without hundreds of items needing to be washed, including clothing and bedding, to provide a clean environment for pupils to learn and live in. Half of the Rutland-based school's 1,000 pupils board there, and given that the average UK household homes 2.4 people, the school generates around 200 times the amount of washing a typical house does each week. Children have the option to take part in 125 different activities, including sports, which only adds to the laundry intake.



often rises to 6,000 when matrons ask reluctant pupils to put overdue dirty items in the wash.

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Whether it's turning around sports kits after busy weekends, or keeping vast quantities of bedding or uniforms clean, laundry staff at Oakham School wash and dry over 2,000 items belonging to pupils every week. That figure



The high and sometimes unpredictable rate of items that need laundering continually made it a challenge for staff to clean items at the speed the school requires.

When shopping around for specific models, the cleaning co-ordinator was attracted to Miele's PW 6207 washing machines due to the range of programmes it offered, suited to the school's specific items and tailored washes. The tumble dryer model selected was the Miele PT 8303 SL due to its short cycles which the schools previous machines didn't offer. In total, five washing machines and six tumble dryers were installed.

Products installed:



PW 6207 Washing Machine



PT 8303 SL Tumble Dryer

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The local Miele partner, Hughes Pro Leicester, installed the school's new machines and gave laundry staff a useful demonstration to allow them to make the best use of them. As the amount of items that need washing in one day is regularly over 1,000, it was vital that the installation process was quick to avoid a backlog building up. With this in mind, Hughes Pro installed the machines in just one day. As laundry staff had used the previous machines for many years, adapting to new appliances was a significant change. Hughes Pro's demonstration ensured that staff were confident in how to use them, and taught laundry staff the best programmes for individual items to ensure that machines achieve the best results.

Thanks to using Miele and Hughes Pro, Oakham School's laundry processes are now at the speed and standard required for the school's busy day-to-day functions and

activities. All sports kits used on a Saturday now get washed and dried on a Monday. Other items, including bedding and uniforms, can be washed, dried, pressed and returned to students within a day. Despite laundry staff using the same detergent as they did when the previous machines were used, items are now cleaner and smell fresher too. With an expansive range of programmes on offer items can be washed according to their material and also how dirty they are. Sports kits are lasting longer as a result, taking away the need for regular replacements. Zoe Holford, cleaning co-ordinator at Oakham School says,

"Miele's machines provide us with quality washes and also quick cycle, without comprising on either factor which are both vital to us. They have enabled our laundry staff to keep on top of items that need washing, drying and pressed, allowing this aspect of the school to run much more efficiently."





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