

A photograph of a schoolyard featuring artificial grass. In the background, a large, multi-story brick building with several windows is visible. A group of children in red uniforms are sitting on the grass in the middle ground. Two adults are standing on the left side of the yard. The foreground shows a red and white striped path on the artificial grass.

Spotlight on:

# Artificial Surfacing

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# Introduction



Established in 2012, Bradleys Surfacing Systems are specialists in artificial surfacing. We've worked with hundreds of primary, secondary schools and nurseries across the country to provide a tailored design and installation service to suit the individual requirements of each facility.

All of our team are DBS checked for your peace of mind and are equipped with the knowledge and understanding of the latest, safest and highest quality artificial products and practices around.

We are well located to serve the whole of the UK and offer a consultation and design service at no upfront cost to all of our clients.

We are also more than happy to discuss any potential projects with clients in person.

**Within this brochure, we've outlined some of the benefits of artificial surfacing and showcased how it can be best utilised for educational purposes. We've also provided some case studies of artificial surfacing sports and play projects that Bradleys has recently worked on, which hopefully might provide some inspiration for your educational facility.**

**Please do contact us for any further information – we'd be very happy to help with any questions you might have!**

Tom Bradley - Director



# Benefits of artificial surfacing



## Natural looking

Artificial surfacing products are now more realistic in appearance than ever before and are designed specifically to replicate the look and feel of natural grass. Products vary in density, colour and pile height, so with a wide range of options, we can help you choose the perfect product for your educational facility.



## Low maintenance

No need for mowing, surfacing looks fantastic day after day in all-weather conditions. Artificial surfacing can be installed in places that are traditionally hard to maintain, such as high-traffic areas which consistently get muddy, or dark, shady areas where traditional grass struggles to grow. Bradleys also provides an aftercare and maintenance service to ensure surfacing stays in tip-top condition all year round.



## No mess, no fuss

The wet and muddy surface of real grass can be easily transferred from outside, in, leaving staff to clear up muddy footprints – not to mention the worry of children slipping over and hurting themselves. Instead, artificial turf provides a practical, clean and safe surface for children to play on.



## Durability

Artificial surfacing can withstand prolonged, excessive use thanks to its durability and longevity, making it perfect for schools whose sports pitches or play areas would otherwise quickly wear down. Bradleys use only the highest quality surfacing products to ensure that both children and teachers can enjoy the surfaces for years to come.





# Playgrounds

Playtime is essential to a child's social, emotional, intellectual and physical development, as well as having an important role in the enjoyment of childhood.

No matter what shape or size, Bradleys Surfacing Systems can install safe and attractive surfacing to fit all types of playgrounds.



## Safety First

We prioritise safety over anything else, which is why we work with industry leading manufacturers to ensure we supply the highest quality products, all tested to governing body standards. Traditional outdoor surfaces, such as tarmac and woodchip that are often used for play areas can be unsafe and impractical, becoming slippery when wet and causing accidents. Our soft, yet durable areas meet all critical fall requirements for playgrounds and we offer other options, such as trip-free edging and shock pads to soften any falls and tumbles.

Artificial surfaces can enhance the way children play and interact with each other. We can design creative surfaces and themes, such as hopscotch and snakes and ladders in a variety of colours that are visually engaging and can be used as an educational and stimulating tool for children.







**Your guys did an amazing job last week – the playground looks brilliant!!!**

*Pete Hines, Headteacher  
Perryfields Primary PRU*



## **Perryfields PRU**

Bradleys carried out the refurbishment of an existing play area at Perryfields PRU in Worcester. With the plan to enhance the schools provision for sports and play, Bradleys converted an existing tarmac base into a top level multi-year surface. The project involved the team installing new PCC edging, drilling the base for drainage and installing a 10mm in-situ rubber shock pad into an area of 237m<sup>2</sup> with TigerTurf Evo Excel synthetic turf. The surrounds were excavated and the team laid a 40mm rubber mulch surface on the court surrounds to maintain a clean environment.



## **Smart Start Day Nursery**

Smart Start Day Nursery was keen to install some new playground surfacing for their children to play on, so enlisted the help of Bradleys Surfacing Systems to supply and install this for them. The team used TigerTurf Finesse Deluxe synthetic turf, which not only looks great, but can be easily maintained too. An APE TeK16mm foam shock pad was also installed, which is crucial for safe play for the nursery school children.



# Multi-Use Games

**Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs) are designed to incorporate a range of different sports requirements into one pitch using different turf and line markings. They are ideal for primary and secondary schools who are looking to make the most of limited space for a wide-range of sports on a limited budget.**



**MUGAs are great for multi-skills learning and allow pupils to practice a number of different sports within one lesson including:**



**Football**



**Rugby**



**Tennis**



**Netball**



**Hockey**



**Basketball**

**Equipment such as floodlights, rebound sports fences, recessed goals and nets can also be added to help you make the most of your MUGA.**

# s Areas

I was delighted that Bradleys Surfacing Systems was able to invest so much time in making sure that the artificial surface met all our school's requirements. In particular, Tom's helpful advice, suggestions and friendly approach allowed for good project management, including meeting our needs for a cost effective solution. The installation was smooth and the team of fitters met all our expectations.

*Lawrence Collins, Headmaster  
Heathfield Knoll School*



## Heathfield Knoll School

Heathfield Knoll Independent Day School in Kidderminster was keen for a new MUGA to be installed at their facility. Bradleys used TigerTurf Evo Excel synthetic turf with a PVP shock pad for comfort and safety purposes. Markings were lined out for netball, tennis and football with all equipment from Hexa Sports and installed by the Bradleys in-house design team.



## Longdon Hall School

The 600m<sup>2</sup> MUGA at Longdon Hall School in Staffordshire was a big project for Bradleys and involved constructing a fully engineered base and installing a Playrite 10mm shock pad and Playrite's MatchPlay 2 surface with lines for tennis and football. The surface is enclosed with a 3m high super rebound twin bar fence system with integrated football goals and basketball hoops.





**Bradleys Surfacing Systems are suppliers and installers of a range of synthetic sports, play and landscaping surfaces for both commercial and educational settings.**

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