

Gilmorton Chandler CE Primary School

A large village school of 200 pupils, Gilmorton Chandler CE Primary School has been built on and around the old rectory in Gilmorton in rural South Leicestershire.

After many years of fundraising, the “Friends of Gilmorton School” was able to provide the school with a purpose built first floor ICT suite in 2002. Then, working with very tight budgets, governors at the school acquired PCs from the local University to help equip this fantastic new facility. Systems and Education showed the school how to use very flexible licensing options with Microsoft, and the whole suite was ready to use almost as soon as the paint dried!

Over the past 5 years the school has worked closely with Systems and Education, and they have been able to systematically upgrade the ICT suite and the whole school ICT coverage. Gilmorton Chandler CE Primary School is now one of the best equipped primary schools in Leicestershire. In addition, this equipment is being used heavily in all areas of the curriculum.

“As a school we identified the growing importance that ICT was playing in all aspects of school life. This led us to make significant and consistent investments in our ICT. Systems and Education were recommended to us before the school suite was built, and they have worked closely with us ever since ensuring that we are able to provide the highest level of ICT that we possibly can. We have found the advice and service that they give us can always be relied upon which is a significant factor in our ability to remain at the level we are.

Over the years we have been able to introduce interactive whiteboards and laptops from other projects - often from other suppliers. Systems and Education staff have always worked with us to ensure that this other equipment has integrated effectively into our overall network.

Our school now has a Zyxel based ‘roaming’ wireless network, which ensures first class wireless connections for our laptops anywhere in the school. This wireless network has been seamlessly linked into our whole school network, which also includes colour laser printers and networked photocopiers”

Andrew Shields, ICT Co-ordinator, Gilmorton Chandler Primary School

