



**WuduMate®**

The WuduMate range is the world's leading single appliance for ablution in prayer and multi faith rooms.

## Oldknow Academy

Oldknow Academy converted to an academy from Oldnow Junior School on 1 April 2012, achieving an OFSTED rating of 'Outstanding' at the end of its first year in January 2013.



*Located in Small Heath, a predominantly ethnic area of Birmingham, about 99% of the pupils are from minority groups, with the majority of these traditionally followers of Islam. The Academy boasts a young and enthusiastic staff, which is reflected in the décor throughout the school, which is notably colourful and vibrant, with barely any stairwells and corridors escaping from appealing imagery painted on the walls.*

The school is committed to an environment where bullying is seen by all to be unacceptable, and where courtesy and good manners are promoted. The Academy expects responsible behaviour from all its pupils, believing that their achievements should be recognized with awards and certificates, as illustrated by cabinets of cups and other awards throughout the school.



Understanding that the majority of the academy's pupils were from ethnic backgrounds, it was recognized early in the Academy's existence, that there were inadequate facilities in which muslim pupils could perform their ritual ablution before prayer. Site Manger Gulfor Khan was tasked with assessing the situation, and identified several areas within the Academy, where facilities for wudu could be accommodated, and having the necessary access to plumbing and drainage.

Gulfor quotes *"we realized that we had insufficient wudu facilities for the many muslim pupils within the Academy, so identified several areas with sufficient space and access to plumbing and drainage. Our next challenge was to identify suitable appliances for each location, and fortunately we were introduced to the WuduMate range by another local school who had recently undertaken a similar project. The WuduMate range consists of several models, enabling us the flexibility*

*to choose appliances to suit both the application and the spaces we had available."*

A local plumbing contractor was appointed to undertake the installation of a series of WuduMate Compact in the boys' and girls' changing rooms. Gulfor Khan adds *"WuduMate, who make the WuduMates, reacted quickly, visiting site to meet with the plumbing contractor and help determine the most appropriate WuduMate modes to use, so we could undertake the installation over half term. The subsequent installation has proved a great success, with the WuduMate-Home has been excellently received by all who use them."*

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