

# LET'S PLAY!

**Outdoor Spaces For  
Primary Schools**



# WHO WE ARE

**Synthetic Turf Management (STM) has over fifteen years worth of experience working with schools and artificial grass. It's simply what we love to do.**

Currently working in partnership with the Youth Sport Trust, it's our mission to transform outdoor education and play across the UK.

**LET'S THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.**

## Foreword



The Youth Sport Trust is delighted to be working in partnership with Synthetic Turf Management via our Business Honours Club, and supports the organisation in its mission to transform playgrounds across the UK into bright, exciting and educational play spaces.

At the Youth Sport Trust we have been working with schools for 20 years. We know that they have a central role to play in improving and maintaining the health and wellbeing of all of their pupils and have seen first-hand how good health supports successful learning.

Being physically active and having access to high quality physical education enhances concentration, raises attainment levels and improves the behaviour of our young people. A well planned, colourful outdoor space can help improve education, sport and play, getting young people excited about physical activity and enthusiastic about learning.

And, perhaps most importantly, they are fun! Where better to learn than outdoors in the fresh air?

Good luck with your playground, and we'd love to hear from you with your success stories.

**Baroness Sue Campbell, OBE**  
Chair, Youth Sport Trust



# EPIC PLAYGROUNDS


**Education & Play In Colour: the aim of the game is to support childhood development through physical activity and quality play, all in a safe and fun learning environment. Our EPIC surfaces are made from coloured artificial grass and incorporate games and educative markings. They're super durable and can be used all year round, too.**

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**Education & Play In Colour** does exactly what it says on the tin. The best thing about it is that it's totally bespoke. We're happy to listen to your needs, and come up with something great together. To get your creative juices flowing, here's some designs we've done in the past:

### **Education and Sport:**

- Phonemes
- Numbers
- Running tracks
- Sports

### **Fun Stuff:**

- Butterflies
- Bees
- Birds
- Hopscotches
- Roads
- Seahorses  
(whole underwater worlds, in fact)

# EPIC SURFACES ARE GREAT FOR:

## Physical Education

We understand the importance of physical education for children. The idea behind EPIC is that children can participate in curriculum-required activities, and enjoy themselves, too. Agility, basic movements, control and balance, competitive games and coordination can all be practiced on a tailored EPIC surface. Our experience tells us that children and teachers love EPIC because it's bright, colourful and safe.

## Outdoor Classroom

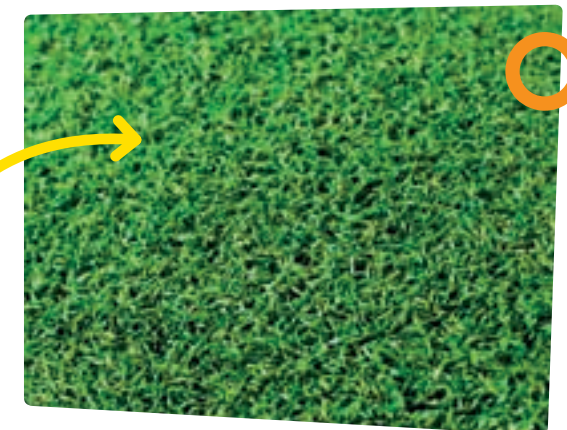
Taking a break from the indoors can be inspiring and energising. Our EPIC surfaces can be designed to incorporate all sorts of numbers, letters, phonemes and educative games. They're great for supporting cognitive and emotional development, all while staying active. Let's nurture minds and bodies at the same time.

## Fun and Play

Imagination plays a great part in the work we do. From underwater worlds to oversized butterflies, we know what kids love. With fun and play contributing to a child's early social development, we strive to create environments that allow just this. Life's a playground.

**“Opportunities to compete in sport and other activities build character and help to embed values such as fairness and respect.”**


National Curriculum for Physical Education



# MUGAS

**Muti Use Games Areas (MUGAs) are designed to incorporate a range of different sports requirements into one pitch using different turfs and markings. Because they accommodate such a wide range of sports, they're fantastic for supporting physical literacy and multi-skills learning. Plus, they're a great way of making the most of limited space and limited budgets.**

**LET'S MAKE THE  
BEST OF THINGS.**



**We'll work with you to decide what you want to get out of your MUGA. We'll talk through all of the different options, then we'll get our designers on the job and draw up a few blueprints. If you don't like it, let's try a different angle.**

## **Multi-sports markings:**

MUGAs support multi-skills learning, allowing pupils to practice a number of sports all within one lesson, including football, hockey, rugby, tennis, netball, basketball and rounders.

## **Got another idea?**

We're open to suggestion.

# MUGAs COME WITH LOADS OF BENEFITS

## Multi-coloured

We use coloured artificial turf for our MUGAs; it helps define the different sports, plus it brightens things up. Many artificial turf installers will only use green turf for MUGAs, which we think is a little boring.

## Durable

All of our sports surfaces are designed to withstand heavy usage for years after installation. We work with the highest quality artificial turf products, manufactured in the UK by Tiger Turf, to ensure pupils and teachers can enjoy their surfaces for years to come.

## All-weather

Our turf stays practical and safe all year round, maximising time for PE, whatever the weather.





# HERE ARE SOME WE MADE EARLIER



**“The teachers and children at Hartburn love the new surfaces. We use them all the time where previously we were restricted in our ability to provide safe play and sports surfaces for children to develop their skills.”**

Tom Gittins, Headteacher - Hartburn Primary School



**In partnership  
with TigerTurf**





**“Synthetic Turf Management have kept to all of their deadlines and have acted in a friendly, efficient and professional manner from the planning stage through to the completion of the work. We were kept informed of developments at every stage and when on site the work progressed quickly due to the work ethos of the staff, who often stayed late to ensure that the project came in on time.”**

Lynda Phillips, Headteacher - Greenfields Community Primary School




# SENSORY GARDENS

A decorative graphic on the right side of the page consists of five vertical bars of different colors: orange, green, light blue, purple, and red. The bars are of varying heights and are positioned to the right of the main text. To the right of these bars is a small, stylized black line drawing of a bee.

**Sensory gardens help children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) to enjoy the outdoors. Creating the right outdoor environment can go a long way in helping a child's mental and emotional mastery. Designing these kinds of environments is something we're really proud of at STM. A highlight for us was the design and installation of a sensory garden for James Cook Hospital.**

**LET'S MAKE  
A DIFFERENCE.**



**Sensory gardens can come in different shapes, forms and sizes. Whatever your ideas are, we're happy to discuss them.**

### **Safety:**

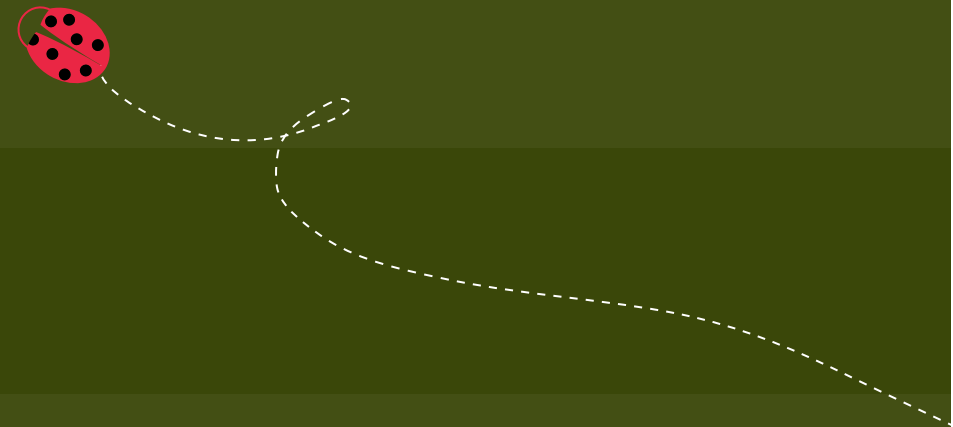
Artificial turf can be installed with extra safety measures, such as shock pads, to make sure every sensory garden is a safe haven.

### **Sensory:**


We can install artificial grass around all manner of equipment and garden features. Think wind chimes, rock walls and bright colours. Beautiful!

# LANDSCAPING

Having a beautifully manicured lawn is no easy feat. That's why sometimes it can be better to go for artificial grass than the real stuff.



**LET'S THINK  
BEAUTY.**

A photograph of a playground area featuring artificial grass. In the foreground, there is a wooden picnic table with two benches. Behind it, a colorful fence with red, blue, and yellow sections runs across the frame. The background shows a building with colorful murals and a blue door. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

**There are plenty of turf types to choose from to make sure your landscaped area looks as natural as possible. Variations in density, colour and pile height mean you can pick the perfect grass for your taste.**

## **Natural looking turf:**

We know that if our artificial turf looked too, well, artificial, it would defeat the object. That's why we work with a variety of turf types designed specifically to replicate the look and feel of natural grass.

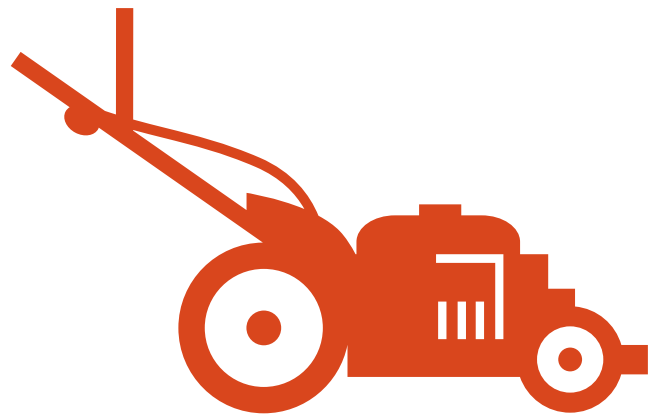
## **Bespoke design and installation:**

We can cut artificial grass to fit in and around almost anything, from playground equipment, to garden furniture, to hills and recesses. It's our job to worry about the tricky stuff.

# THE BENEFITS

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■ No mowing



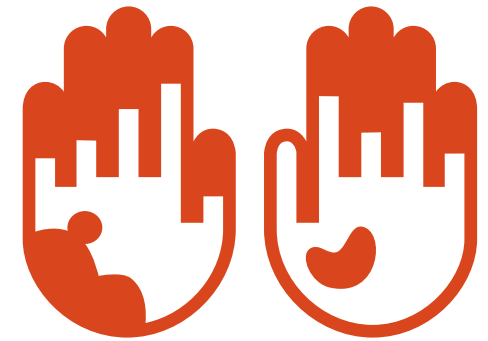
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■ No mud



3

■ No mess



4

■ No fertilising





# THE PROCESS

## Step one

Let's chat. This is about us listening to you, and honing in on exactly what you need. We'll chat with you until the cows come home if that's what it takes. You'll be informed of all of your options, given advice on the technical stuff, and told about the important things like cost and timings.

# 2.

## Step two

Let's get the measure of things. We'll measure the appropriate area and get a better idea of how much grass is needed straight away.

# 3

## Step three

Let's draw something up. We'll get our designers on the job and provide you with a few blueprints of initial concepts.

# 4

## Step four

Let's prep. We'll take up any existing surface, unless we can install on top of it.

# 5

## Step five

Let's install. We'll be in and out as quickly as we can. We've been praised for our efficiency in the past; our priority is to make sure your school feels as little disruption as possible.

# 6.

## Step six

Let's make it last. We offer bespoke maintenance packages to help you get the most out of your surface.

# BUILD YOUR OWN VIRTUAL PLAYGROUND

If you want to explore the possibilities of synthetic turf, try our pitch builder online. It's a really smart way of getting a feel for what you can include on your surface, whatever the sport or activity. You can even go so far as to build the whole surface (virtually, of course), then we'll take it off your hands and produce the real thing.

**Give it a go, it's as easy as ABC.**

[www.stmworld.co.uk/playground-builder](http://www.stmworld.co.uk/playground-builder)



# SAFETY FIRST, AND ALWAYS

**LET'S STAY  
SAFE.**



## Let's get down to the important stuff.

We prioritise safety over everything else. That's why we only work with the highest quality artificial turf, all tested to governing body standards. Plus, we're working with the Youth Sport Trust to ensure that everything we do is right at the forefront of its field.

There are various options available to make our surfaces even safer than safe, such as shock pads and trip-free edging. If it's important to you, it's important to us.

# LET'S TALK

If you're interested in any of the services we've covered in this brochure, we'd love to talk about it.

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