





Voice Reinforcement Systems

April 4th 2016 Are YOU ready?

The Health & Safety Act 2015 takes effect on April 4th 2016.

Have you taken "all practicable steps to provide and maintain a safe working environment and to provide facilities for staff?"

Many health issues for teaching staff relate to voice fatigue. As schools shift to Innovative Learning Environments noise levels are rising and even in the acoustically well-designed classroom some teachers and students will need support to project their voices without strain:

- When outside noise is too loud
- Where the teacher's voice is not strong enough
- Where the class has students with hearing impairments
- Where the class has ESOL students
- Where the class has students with learning difficulties

Excerpt from Designing Quality Learning Spaces: Acoustics pgs. 38–9, Ministry of Education

Our classroom soundfield system raises the volume of the natural speaking voice so that anyone in the room can hear clearly what is being said, without the teacher or student having to raise their voice or shout.



IRX2 Infrared Wall Mount Amplifier System

Features:

- Includes wireless pendant microphone, amplifier and speaker
- Suitable for use in multiple adjacent classrooms without interference
- Microphones recharge overnight
- Handheld microphones available for student sharing
- Easy to install and use
- Connect audio from your laptop, MP3 player or other audio device
- License free technology
- Maintenance free
- Energy efficient

A note on funding: upgrading your classrooms to Flexible Learning Spaces is Priority 3 and where voice reinforcement is required it should be included in your 10 Year Property Plan. Where a student is hearing impaired or has learning difficulties, the student should be assessed to ascertain need and funding may be allocated.