# Standard Floor Coverings Specification

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| | Making Good | • Making good of existing substrate must take place where necessary and prior to levelling screed.  
• Minimum of 3mm levelling screed to be laid (unless approved otherwise), type dependent on substrate. |
| Carpets | General | • Interface or Europa floor carpet tiles to be used. Colours and patterns project dependent.  
• Where carpets are to be cut around existing pipework, pipe collars to give a clean finish should be utilised.  
• Tackifier must be either F Ball F41, Morleys JM300, Mapei Eco Tack or approved equal. |
| Corridors | Tiles to be laid in a broadloom fashion.  
• Exposed cut finishes should be approved by CUL with a proposal for an appropriate edging. |
| Stairs | Tiles be laid in a broadloom fashion and must be laid wall to wall (not as a runner).  
• Install should include the rise.  
• Nosings must be installed using gripfill, countersunk and screws with matching pellets.  
• Nosing must be Gradus G12 92mm on the tread, 32mm on the face. |
| All other carpeted areas | Carpets should be laid as per manufacturers specification. |
| Alternative Floor Coverings | Vinyl | • To be Forbo Surestep or approved equal (Polyfloor Excel). Colour to be project dependent. For shower rooms Forbo Safestep to be used or approved equivalent.  
• Waterproof 2 part epoxy contact adhesive to be used unless otherwise agreed by CUL. |
- Adhesive must be allowed to cure as per manufacturers recommendation (24-36 hours) to prevent de-bonding.
- Edges must be coved, no skirtings.
- Joints must be welded using appropriate welding rod for vinyl finishes.
- All fixtures or furniture units must have silicon finish in appropriate/approved colour.

Marmoleum

- Colour to be project dependant and installed as per manufacturers instructions.
- One coat of nonslip sealant to be applied.

Paint

- Refer to separate paint specification.

Tiles

- Natural stone tiles that require maintenance over and above general cleaning should not be used, and should therefore be ceramic.
- Tiled finishes are project specific.
  - Grout colour is project specific.
  - Grout should be hard wearing swimming pool grout grade.

Wooden Floors

- Should be installed in accordance with Manufacturers recommendations, number of resin top coat applications should be appropriate for final use.

Resin Floors

- Should be in accordance with manufacturers recommendations and must be approved by CUL.

Finishing General

- Following installation and prior to handover a full builders clean is required.

**Applicable SKA Good Practice (GPM)**

**M12 Soft Flooring** – All soft floor coverings, including underlay where applicable, meet at least one of the following criteria:

- are reused;
- if new, are manufactured with at least 50% recycled content (measured by mass) and 100% recyclable content (designed for deconstruction with components that can be recycled);
- have an A or A+ rating in BRE’s *The Green Guide to Specification* for the offices scheme;
- have an A or A+ rating in BRE’s *Green Book Live* database for the offices scheme;
- are manufactured from 50% renewable and natural products, e.g. wool, natural rubber, hessian;
- if new, have a Cradle to CradleCM Silver or higher certificate; or
- are supplied with an environmental product declaration (other than that written for the *Green Book Live*), written in accordance with ISO 14025 standards.

Recycled content claims must comply with ISO14021:1999 Type II *Self-declared Environmental Claims* and state knowledge of IAQ emissions.
**M11 Hard Flooring** - All hard floor coverings meet at least one of the following criteria:

- are reused;
- if new, are manufactured with at least 25% recycled content (measured by mass) and 100% recyclable content (designed for deconstruction with components that can be recycled);
- have been awarded the EU Ecolabel;
- have an A or A+ rating in BRE's *The Green Guide to Specification* for the offices scheme;
- have an A or A+ rating in BRE's *Green Book Live* database for the offices scheme;
- if new, have a Cradle to CradleCM Silver or higher certificate; or
- are supplied with an environmental product declaration (other than that written for the *Green Book Live*), written in accordance with ISO 14025 standards.

And:

- if timber, meet the criteria of good practice measure **D20 Timber**. Recycled content claims must comply with ISO 14021:1999 Type II *Self-declared Environmental Claims* and state knowledge of IAQ emissions.

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**Important note:**

This standard sets out the basic functional requirements for a typical new or refurbished teaching room. The actual work required for a particular project will be determined in a separate **SCOPE OF WORKS DOCUMENT** - some elements may not be present or require replacement.