Reducing storage and data protection costs.
Finding affordable and rapid failover.
Protecting a heterogeneous environment.

Forest Way was facing new data protection challenges and demands that their legacy data protection infrastructure couldn’t meet. Like most schools, the amount of data they needed to protect had grown exponentially, along with the different devices and platforms that the data lives on.

Also, Mark Lewis, Head of IT at Forest Way decided to virtualize their server infrastructure and this dramatically changed how they were doing backup and disaster recovery. Mark said, “Every time the senior leadership team reviewed our business continuity plan, I was getting grilled because what we had wasn’t comprehensive or affordable.”

Constricted by a tight budget and limited IT resources, Mark Lewis began taking steps to modernize the school’s backup and disaster recovery capabilities and solution. He needed to find one solution that would increase RTO, reduce costs, and protect a heterogeneous environment. Ease of use was also top of mind.

Business Challenge:
Finding Simple, Affordable, and Rapid DR

Infrascale’s Disaster Recovery as a Service (DRaaS) solution:
- Backup and recovery software
- On-premise appliance
- Replication to Infrascale’s cloud

PROFILE
Forest Way is a co-educational day area special school for pupils aged 3-19 years located in the United Kingdom. Founded in 1980, the school serves over 200 students and employs a staff of 145.

Protected Data/Environment:
1.8 TBs, 20VMs running on Windows Server 2012 R2
The best part about Infrascale is the peace of mind the rapid failover and reliability delivers. I don’t worry about business continuity reviews, because everything is protected and recoverable.”

Mark Lewis,
Head of IT at Forest Way