

OUTDOOR CANOPIES: PERCEPTION vs. REALITY

The 'real' benefit of canopies in schools, nurseries, colleges and other educational establishments

Outdoor canopies may be used far and wide throughout the world of education. However, upon working with us, it's not uncommon for our customers to discover that what they initially thought about canopies and what can be achieved, couldn't be any more different...

Common perceptions of outdoor canopies

Shared by nurseries, schools, colleges and other educational establishments

1. *'They can only be installed in certain places'*

3. *'They look out of place'*

5. *'They don't provide that much protection in bad weather'*

7. *'They can be a major obstruction'*

9. *'There's a lot of work involved with installing them'*

2. *'You need planning permission to install them'*

4. *'You can only really use them in the summer'*

6. *'You can't use them for much'*

8. *'They're expensive'*

The reality of outdoor canopies

Shared by Canopies UK, the leading designer, installer and manufacturer of outdoor canopies for 25+ years

1. Outdoor canopies can be installed anywhere (within reason) in spaces of all shapes and sizes, as they are made bespoke to customers' requirements.

2. Not at all. In most instances, you don't have to worry about planning permission and, if you do, we'll guide you through the entire process.

3. Not when they can be colour-matched so that they seamlessly blend in with your branding and/or surrounding buildings.

4. The beauty of outdoor canopies is that they're designed to provide protection from the weather all-year round. They're built to withstand winds of up to 60km/h* and shield you from 90% of the sun's UV rays.

5. They really do. Take our Cantabria canopy, for instance, with its retractable roof and fixed/folding/sliding glass sides that combine to create a self-containing structure. It also features integrated heating, lighting and guttering too.

6. There's no end to what outdoor canopies can be used for – outdoor learning/play zones, outdoor eating areas, sheltered entrances and walkways, weatherproofed parent waiting spots, sheltered sport spectator areas. The list is endless....

7. Most people think posts when they think about outdoor canopies. But not all canopies have to be installed using hazardous posts. They can be wall-mounted (like our cantilevered models) or freestanding (with the posts positioned at the back out of the way).

8. Our canopies cost less than £5,000. We also offer a range of payment plans, so that you can have the canopy you want, not the canopy you can afford.

9. Canopy installation varies from project-to-project, depending on the size of the canopy and where it's being fitted. But whereas extensions take weeks to build, the average canopy installation takes two days.

There's a real widespread benefit to canopies in schools, nurseries, colleges and other educational establishments, we've only just skimmed the surface in this fact sheet. For more details on the advantages of installing an outdoor canopy or to discuss your requirements, contact us on [01254 777 002](tel:01254777002) or info@canopiesuk.co.uk.

About Canopies UK

We're Canopies UK, the country's leading designer, manufacturer and installer of high quality canopies, who's installed more than 5,000 outdoor canopies and walkways at schools across the country.

Established for more than 25 years, we employ over 50 staff at our Lancashire headquarters, which incorporates offices, production space and warehousing.

Serving a multitude of sectors, including hospitality, education, healthcare and construction, We deliver excellence through site specific specification and unrivalled product quality.

* Applies to the Cantabria when fully closed.