Spotlight: Andrea Bowen, Founder of Portable Mirrors

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We spoke with Andrea Bowen, Founder and Director of Portable Mirrors, about her journey, the role of mirrors in education settings, and how safe, mobile mirror systems can help schools create flexible spaces for dance, drama, fitness, sport and demonstration work.

Professional Mirrors for Flexible Learning Spaces

Portable Mirrors provides mobile, shatterproof and education-friendly mirror solutions that help schools transform existing rooms, halls and studios into practical teaching spaces.

Portable Mirrors
Shatterproof
Lockable Wheels
Stackable Design

About Portable Mirrors

Portable Mirrors was founded in 2007 after Andrea Bowen identified a gap in the market for high-quality, safe and versatile mirrors that could be easily moved and adapted for different spaces.

The company supplies mirror solutions for education settings including dance studios, performing arts halls, sports facilities, classrooms and demonstration spaces.

Q: When did you take up your position with the company and what does your role involve?

Andrea Bowen: I founded Portable Mirrors in 2007 because I saw a real gap in the market for high-quality, safe and versatile mirrors that could be easily moved and adapted for different spaces. As Director, my role is incredibly varied — I lead on strategy, product development and client relationships.

Q: What specific products does your company offer to schools or educational institutions?

Andrea Bowen: We provide floor-to-ceiling mirror installations and portable mirrors designed for education settings, from dance studios and performing arts halls to sports facilities and classrooms. We also offer demonstration mirrors that can be desk or ceiling mounted, popular for cookery, arts and science demonstrations.

Flexible Mirror Solutions for Education

Portable Mirrors' products are designed for schools that need flexible, multi-purpose spaces rather than fixed specialist rooms. The company's product information highlights mirrors that fit through standard doorways, have locking

wheels, are safety backed and can stack together to save storage space.

Portable Mirrors

Mobile mirrors that can be moved between classrooms, gyms, halls and studios to create temporary teaching or rehearsal spaces.

Fixed Mirror Installations

Floor-to-ceiling installations for schools with dedicated dance, drama, fitness or performing arts facilities.

Demonstration Mirrors

Desk or ceiling-mounted mirrors suitable for cookery, arts, science and other practical demonstrations.

Education-Friendly Design

Shatterproof construction, lockable wheels and durable frames make the mirrors suitable for busy school environments.

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Schools don’t need a fixed studio — our mirrors create one instantly, allowing staff to maximise existing space without expensive renovations.

Andrea Bowen, Portable Mirrors

Q: Could you walk us through the key features and benefits of your mirrors?

Andrea Bowen: The key benefits are safety, mobility and durability. All our mirrors are manufactured to be shatterproof, so teachers and parents have peace of mind. They are mounted on sturdy, lockable wheels, meaning they can be moved quickly between classrooms, gyms or halls.

Education Use Case

Turning ordinary rooms into teaching spaces

Portable Mirrors’ product pages describe their mirrors as suitable for schools, leisure centres, gyms, drama, dance, fitness and sports, with the ability to transform classrooms and available spaces into professional training areas. :contentReference[oaicite:2]{index=2}

For schools short on specialist facilities, this flexibility can help make existing space work harder.

How the Mirrors Support Schools

Safety
Shatterproof and safety-backed mirrors help reduce risk in education settings.
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Mobility
Lockable wheels make it easier to move mirrors between rooms and departments.

Storage
Stackable designs reduce storage demands when the mirrors are not in use.

Flexibility
Halls, classrooms and gyms can become dance, drama or training spaces.

Q: How do you approach pricing and affordability?

Andrea Bowen: Affordability is really important to us. We work hard to offer competitive pricing and flexible options, and often have school offers throughout the year so schools can build up their equipment over time. Our mirrors are built to last, which means they represent long-term value rather than a short-term expense.

Q: How does your company differentiate itself from competitors?

Andrea Bowen: Our focus is on quality, safety and service. Every mirror we provide is built to professional standards but designed with education in mind. Unlike many competitors, we do not just sell — we consult.

Built Around Feedback from Educators

Andrea explained that feedback from schools has influenced product development over time, including refinements to wheelbase design, the addition of lockable casters, stackable storage and larger mirror options.

This reflects a practical, education-led approach: product changes are shaped around how teachers and students actually use the mirrors.

Case Study Impact

Andrea shared that schools have used Portable Mirrors to transform multi-purpose halls into professional dance or drama studios. One secondary school reported that performing arts students felt a significant confidence boost after having access to proper mirrors for rehearsals, with improved outcomes in exam preparation.

Q: What are your thoughts on the future of education?

Andrea Bowen: I think the future of education will be increasingly centred on creativity, wellbeing and adaptability. Schools need flexible spaces that can serve multiple purposes — from sport to drama to community use. Our mirrors are designed with that future in mind.

Final Thought

Portable Mirrors demonstrates how a practical product can support wider education goals: flexible space use, creativity, confidence, wellbeing and more effective visual learning.

For schools looking to improve dance, drama, sport, fitness or demonstration spaces without committing to major renovations, mobile mirror systems can offer a flexible and cost-effective route forward.



Andrea Bowen

Founder of Portable Mirrors

Andrea founded Portable Mirrors in 2007 and works directly with schools, colleges and universities to understand how mirror solutions can support teaching, learning and flexible space use.

Key benefits for schools

Flexible spaces

Turn classrooms, gyms and halls into teaching or rehearsal spaces.

Safety first

Shatterproof and safety-backed design supports pupil use.

Easy movement

Lockable wheels help staff move and secure mirrors where needed.

Long-term value

Durable mirrors can support repeated use across departments.

Questions schools may want to ask

- Do we need fixed mirrors or portable mirrors?
- Which spaces could be used for dance, drama or fitness?
- Can the mirrors be moved safely by staff?
- How much storage space is available?
- Would demonstration mirrors support practical subjects?
- Can the supplier advise on the best configuration?

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Flexible Mirror Solutions for Education Spaces

Portable Mirrors helps schools, colleges and universities create safe, adaptable spaces for dance, drama, sport, fitness and practical demonstrations.

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