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Dream, Believe, Achieve
'Nothing will be impossible with God' Luke 1:37

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RE: Parent view feedback - Site security

Dear Parent / Carers,

During the recent 'Parent view' survey undertaken by Ofsted, a few parents commented that they had concerns regarding site security. I feel it may help if I offer an update as to where we are with the current site security project.

Firstly, you may be aware that the whole village of Cuckney is a conservation area. Additionally, much of the school building, including the front wall, is grade 2 listed. This has caused significant delays in the project overall.

Pre Covid, school leaders had identified the site boundary as a potential area for development. We engaged the services of the local Authority and Via, to quote for the project and plans were drawn up. An appropriate allocation was made by governors from school budget. Unfortunately, once schools were opened up after Covid the school had to repeat all of this work – new drawings, new quotes, a new contractor and this all took time. At the end of last year, Governors approved all the plans and work could begin. During the course of this year, planning permissions have been sought and granted and the week before May half term we were notified that the materials were now available. We are now awaiting a pre start meeting to be scheduled, to discuss a timeline for the work to be completed. The illustration attached shows the plans that have been approved for your information.

Alongside this front boundary, we have plans in place to raise the height of the wooden fence at the bridge to 2m. Through the parent view survey, some parents also suggested that this gate was locked all day to further ensure the safety of our children. I am more than happy to make arrangements for this and issue keys to staff to use when they need access to the field with their children. This can, in fact, be adopted before the gate is replaced and I write to inform parents this will remain locked from Monday next week (17th June). Please ensure your children are dropped off at the main gate rather than brought through the field as that gate will be locked before and after school to ensure the safety of those children remaining on the playground.

Mrs Lisa Crossland

Headteacher