



St. Leonard's C.E. Primary School

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School Site Safety Survey

Dear Parents

Many thanks to those of you who returned your School Site Safety Surveys. Where comments and suggestions were made, these were very useful and constructive. I have printed the results overleaf – they were very positive, which is really pleasing. We do take the safety of the children very seriously and will do everything in our power to respond to all of them. The following are some of your main points –

Barriers/Gates –

We are definitely looking into replacing the barriers with electric gates – cost will determine when this goes ahead. If possible there will be an intercom system for pedestrians also, during the day. This will mean that the site is better secured at all times – even in the evenings.

Once children are on site they are supervised, especially in vulnerable areas such as Forest School.

We are pricing CCTV for the school – specifically for evenings. We do not have lettings any more due to safety/security issues, so any person on the site after school hours – other than staff, Poppet's parents or Mr Flindall's family – are trespassing.

Signage -

We will look into extra signage around the school over the next 12 months. Areas highlighted by you are KS 1 and 2 signs and one to Nursery. Also a 'No mobiles to be used on site' type of sign for visitors.

Main road –

We are doing all we can to make the main road to school as safe as possible. Unfortunately the Police are so short staffed that they cannot attend on a regular basis.

KS 2 Drive –

We do have an agreement with Poppets that there are no drop offs, by car, at all from 8.30 to 4.45, whilst the barriers are in operation. Any cars coming down the drive at those times should only be staff and, as such, they should be aware of pupil safety.

Morning supervision on KS 2 –

Children are not allowed onto the KS 2 playground until 8.45. At this time a teacher will come out of the front door to allow those waiting on. They then stay on the playground and the Teacher will blow the whistle at 8.50. All teachers then collect their children.

Pupils exit from school at the end of the day -

We do expect our older children – years 3 to 6 – to be more independent. We allow them to leave the building and meet their parents/carer at an arranged point. However, a member of staff is at the front of the building to ensure that all are safe and that children have a person to go to, should their parent/carer not be waiting. Older children are taught to always go back to school if they are concerned about anything at all – please reiterate this to your children.

Younger children – years R to 2 - are only released to their parent/carer. The parent/carer will be known to the staff unless by prior arrangement. If the usual parent/carer is not collecting a child then school should have been notified and a photograph provided or, alternatively, the 'new' adult should call at the office with some ID before collecting the child.



In and around school during the day –

When children are in school all doors are closed and locked. At break times and lunchtimes one or two doors have to remain open to allow children access to the toilets. This includes the internal door from the main entrance to the classrooms on KS 1. This is so that children eating lunch can visit the toilet independently. At this time the only exit from the building would be the bottom door to the playground. This is only open when lunchtime staff are outside. If visitors/ delivery people arrive at this time they can only gain access through the main door via control from the office. They are then dealt with, escorted to their destination, or leave promptly. Office cameras can monitor their departure. When on site, all staff/volunteers are asked to be vigilant.

Main boundaries –

We have green fencing all the way around the perimeter of our site. This is low at the front and then high everywhere else apart from the boundary between us and Greenfields Court. Here it is low again. Eventually more high fencing will be installed if residents give permission.

School tidiness –

The KS 1 fence is due to be painted. Unfortunately Mr Flindall was poorly over the summer so could not do it then and now the weather is unpredictable.

The Grounds people do try to keep on top of the hedge down the KS 2 drive, but please do make us aware if any brambles stick out.

Finally –

If you are concerned about any aspect of safeguarding please bring this to our attention at any time.

Yours sincerely

Kay Ferriday
Head Teacher

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36 responses received

1.	Do you feel that our School site is a safe site? If 'no' what do you feel could be done to improve the situation	Yes	89%	No	11%
2.	Do you feel that the site is tidy and welcoming? If 'no' what would you suggest?	Yes	100%	No	0%
3.	Do you consider the current school and directional signage around the site to be adequate? If 'no' what would you suggest?	Yes	92%	No	8%
4.	Are you aware that as a parent/carer visitor during the day, you should report to the school reception via the main entrance?	Yes	100%	No	0%
5.	You should be aware that daytime visitors are asked to wear a school visitor badge and staff should wear their school IDs. Do you feel that both the visitor badges and staff ID system are well deployed and evident on the occasions when you visit?	Yes	100%	No	0%
6.	Unauthorised use of school grounds can be an issue for schools. Are you currently aware of people using our school site out-of-hours? This would include people walking dogs?	Yes	0%	No	100%