



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

3rd May 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

You may have noticed that over the Easter holiday a new perimeter fence was installed along the front of the main school buildings. This includes new electronic vehicle and pedestrian gates. The works are part of our plans to improve site security for students and staff during the school day. We have also upgraded some front and rear door locks, installed new CCTV cameras around the site, added speed bumps in car parks and put vape alarms in the school toilets. These measures will give greater confidence to students, staff and carers that the site remains secure. An additional student access point and footpath from Oatlands Drive onto the school site is planned for later this year.

The new gates both pedestrian and vehicular, will be locked from **9am to 3pm** each school day. Students will still be able to access the pedestrian gates using their identity card if the gate is locked. Parents or visitors to the main school site during these hours will need to use the intercom facility located at the vehicle entry gate or at the pedestrian gate located opposite reception to contact reception and be admitted to the school grounds. Students without their access cards will need to access via the pedestrian intercom as above. These arrangements will come into operation from **Tuesday 9th May 2023**.

We recognise that some within our community may feel inconvenienced by the new arrangements, but we hope that most will understand and appreciate the need to place the highest priority on student and staff safety. We will continue to monitor the situation over the coming weeks to ensure we have the optimal timings and arrangements in place. We may need to make some minor changes should that prove necessary.

Community users of the site after school hours, will receive further information from our Lettings & Finance Administrator.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mr D Thornton
Interim Headteacher