

Dear families,

Works will take place hopefully between October and November for the installation of new security fencing to be fitted at the front of the school. In addition there will be a lockable pedestrian gate as well as a wider lockable gate for emergency vehicles to enter if needed. The pedestrian gate will be remotely controlled from the school office. Plans have been discussed and supported by School Governors and the Local Authority. Further research into planning permissions found that none was needed hence why the installation will go ahead and be completed by Christmas 2023 weather dependent.

### Why is the fencing and a remotely operated gate important?

- It improves pupil and staff safety. School security fencing helps to stop members of the public from entering the school grounds when they shouldn't. This includes people taking shortcuts or, although it is rare, predators. Security fencing also stops animals from getting onto the grounds.
- It reduces any risk of vandalism in the future. The vandalism of school property both on school grounds and inside schools has long been a big problem in many areas nationally. Fencing for schools which is difficult to climb is a significant deterrent for intruders intending to cause such damage. This means less expenditure on repairs and replacing stolen or damaged items.
- It improves pupil management. As well as helping keep unwanted visitors out, school security fencing plays an important role in keeping pupils on the school grounds. By doing so, fencing helps provide peace of mind for parents and teachers.
- It enhances a school's image. School security fencing helps to create a positive image for a school and adds to its overall appeal. It helps assure parents that their children are safe and, with a modern look and the ability to coordinate the colour scheme with school specifications, it can help present a smart, attractive image of a school.
- It reduces noise. For schools in built-up areas or next to busy roads, school security fencing can act as an acoustic barrier and reduce the disruption that unwanted noise can cause in the classroom. This helps to create a better learning environment.
- It is more durable. Security fencing lasts longer than standard fencing. When installed properly by experienced school fencing contractors, the metal will do its job well for years and years and will require minimal maintenance. This saves valuable time and money.

### What will it look like?

To ensure that we are empathetic with our beautiful village location and that we consider the wildlife which surrounds the school, we have chosen the colour **GREEN** for both the fencing and the gates. Below are some images which may help families to see visualise the works when complete (please ignore the colours used):





**Will the installation effect my child coming to school?**

Installation as within many schools will take place during the normal school week. We will work with the Local Authority and the Contractor to ensure that there is minimum disruption to learning and school routines by undertaking the appropriate risk assessments. Once we have a confirmed installation date, then staff, children and families of Rangeworthy will receive further information.

Finally, we hope that you will see this as a much needed and welcomed change/improvement to the school and feel reassured that Safeguarding along with Health and Safety is our up most priority to ensure our whole school community are happy and successful now and in the future.

Kind regards,

Miss Travis