Date: 23/06/2025

Dear Parent and Carers,

## **Enhanced Perimeter Security and Access Control at Nether Stowe School**

I am writing to inform you of important improvements we have made to the physical security of our school site. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding all students, staff, and visitors, we have recently upgraded the perimeter fencing around the school grounds. In addition, we now have access-controlled gates at the front entrance to the school. These will become fully operational from tomorrow, 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

These measures are being implemented in line with our statutory duties under the Department for Education's Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE) guidance. The current guidance makes clear that schools must take a whole-school approach to safeguarding, and this includes ensuring that the school premises are secure and that access is appropriately controlled. KCSiE specifically highlights the importance of safe site management as part of a school's wider safeguarding responsibilities.

The new access-controlled gates will help us manage who is able to enter the school site during the day, ensuring that only authorised individuals are permitted entry. All visitors will be required to report to reception and use the intercom system to gain access. This will further strengthen our ability to maintain a safe and secure environment for all.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we implement these changes. Safeguarding is a shared responsibility, and by working together we can ensure that Nether Stowe School remains a safe and welcoming place for every student to thrive.

If you have any questions regarding these changes or our safeguarding policies more generally, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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