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Dear Parent/Carer

I trust everyone is safe and well. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have attended the recent coffee events. It was lovely to see so many of you and to have time to listen to your thoughts. We are extremely proud of the way our students started back after the half term break and we very much look forward to all the extra-curricular and personal development opportunities in The Eisteddfod term.

"The Fairfax Way" is the way we do things here at Fairfax. It ensures consistency in all we do, with students and staff. Staff are encouraged to praise, through use of the ARKS system, all students exemplifying the Fairfax Way. As a result of this and the behaviours of our students, the positives continue to increase and negative behaviours continue to reduce weekly.



Some updates on gate work at Fairfax to improve our safeguarding procedures:

I am writing to inform you about an upcoming construction project that will be taking place at Gate 2 of Fairfax Academy. The purpose of this project is to enhance the security measures on our school premises and to ensure the safety of our students and staff.

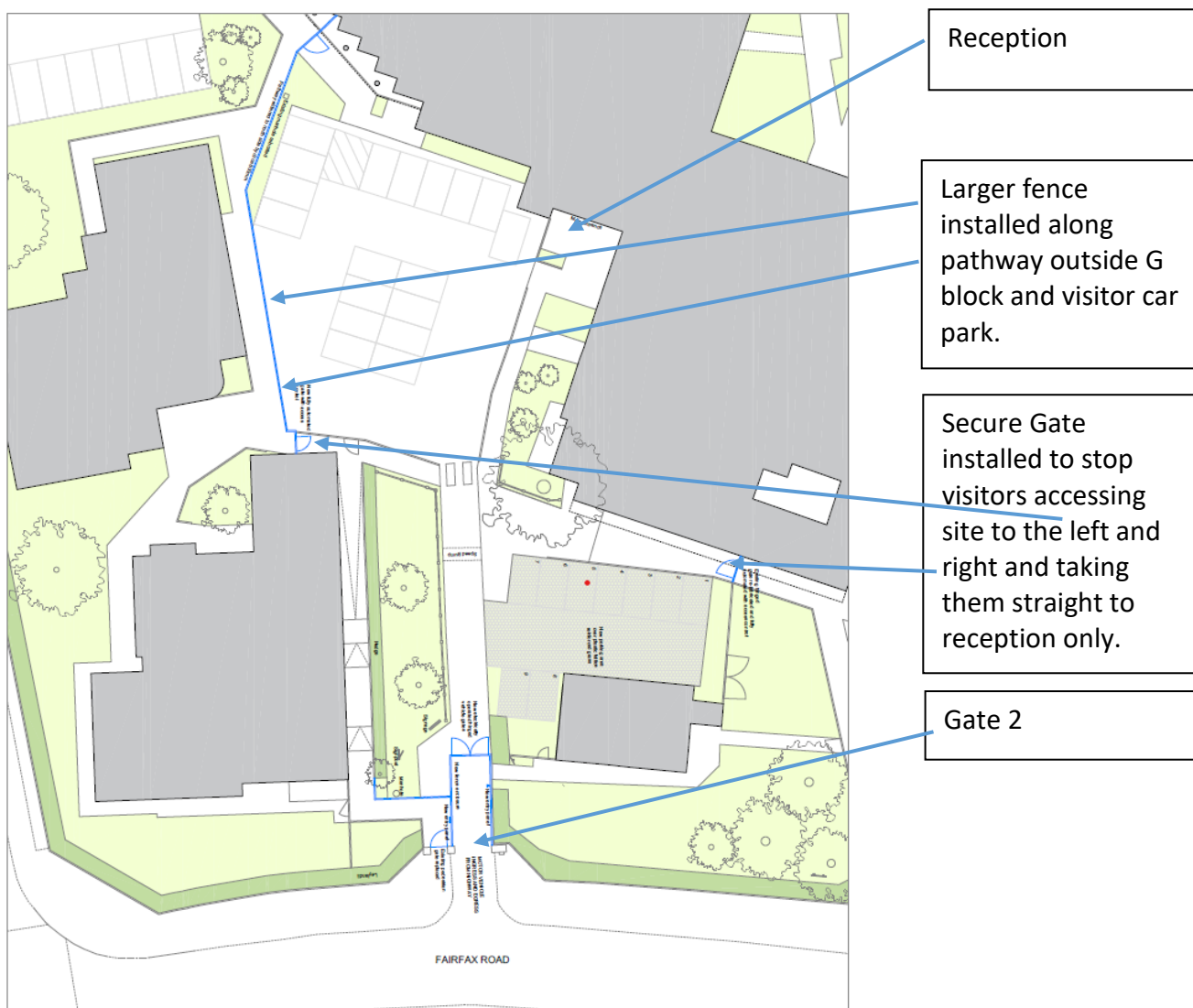
During the initial phase of construction, we will be replacing the internal fencing around the visitor car park at Gate 2 and the surrounding areas with higher fences. Additionally, secure locked gates will be installed at the entrance to the school next to the Sixth Form Centre. This is a proactive step to ensure that all visitors are directed only to the main school reception, thus further safeguarding our school community.

As part of these improvements, please be aware that there will be changes to the walkways around the school. Access to F and G block will be limited during the construction phases to widen pathways and make the site more accessible. We understand the importance of clear communication during this period of change, and we will be informing students of the adjusted walkways next week during the short-term construction period.

The second phase of this project will involve the complete replacement of Gate 2. This will further contribute to the overall security and efficiency of our school entrance. Following this, later in the year, we plan to extend the improvements to Gate 3 as well.

We understand that these changes may cause some inconvenience, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work towards creating a safer and more secure environment for everyone at Fairfax Academy. Our primary concern is the well-being of our students and staff, and we believe that these enhancements will contribute significantly.

We will keep you informed of any updates throughout the construction process and welcome any feedback or questions you may have. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in making Fairfax Academy a secure and nurturing learning environment.



Yours sincerely

SEAN CASTLE
Principal

