



Site Security Survey  
Parent Feedback

March 2024



Keeping children, parents, staff and visitors safe is incredibly important to us here at Sir Alexander Fleming Nursery and Primary School. As part of our site security risk assessment, we recently asked parents for their views on our site security and grounds.

Thank you to the parents and carers who completed the survey. Your voice matters! As a result, we have made some amendments to improve our site security based on your comments. This parent guide includes those changes as well as information on our current safety systems.







# Fencing

Fencing and hedges surround the whole perimeter of the school to keep children safe.

The gates are locked at 8.40am and opened at 3pm by our site manager, Mr Levy.

Members of the team supervise the perimeter fencing whilst children are outside during the school day.

We do ask parents not to stand there and call children over, although this sometimes happens.

The bottom playground runs alongside a pathway and children can see / talk to people on the other side and sometimes there are people there swearing, smoking cannabis and talking about inappropriate things that children should not listen to.



We are already looking into finding fencing or screening that will cover the green fence on our side but also be long-lasting and pleasing to the eye.

We are in talks with the Safer Stronger Team to get funding for this but hopefully this will be sorted soon.

We have had the neighbourhood CCTV cameras turned to face down the pathway to cover the fencing.

At lunchtime, adults are present and monitor the fences and where the children play.

We do ask that parents do not stand there and call children over.





# Barriers to gates



Mr Levy, our school caretaker opens and closes the gates each day and he stands on the top main playground gates in a morning. Mr Levy supervises the grounds ensuring it is safe for children, parents and visitors.

We have an intercom on the carpark entrance so the office can see and speak to any visitors.



Stop the parents parking on the school car park.



Mr Levy now stands on the school car park gates in a morning and at 3pm to ensure that parents are not parking there.

We will also start to close the gates so that children and parents cross the road and walk along the path.



Have electric gates fitted on the school car park.

We have investigated this but it would cost an extremely large amount of money and we are unable to afford this. We will keep looking for funding options.



There are electric scooters on the playground and adults are riding these with children on.

We have emailed out to all parents informing them of this concern and that electric scooters are illegal to ride on public or private (without permission) property. They are not allowed on school premises, not even pushed.



Adults smoking / vaping directly outside the school's gates and the children have to walk through it.

Whilst we fully appreciate that this is not nice or healthy for our adults or children to walk through, we can only advise parents to move away from the gates when they are smoking or vaping. The adults on the front gates will speak with parents and we will continue to request it on our newsletter.



The children have to listen to swearing and inappropriate talk from adults chatting by the gates.

We would hope that all adults entering school premises remember that this is a site for children and would refrain from using bad language. If a parent is heard to be verbally abusive or offensive then it could mean that they have their parental license revoked and will not be allowed on school premises. Our members of staff outside will challenge any bad language or inappropriate talk.





# Outside the school...

Children are taught about the importance of road safety in assemblies, and we do encourage children to cross the roads safely when we leave the school building on school visits as this is part of our Personal Development Curriculum.

We insist that parents drop their children at their classroom door in the morning as they are your responsibility until they enter our building. It is always nice for the teachers or adults to see you.

We do not allow children to leave school premises without an adult at 3.10pm due to community concerns.

We have the presence of traffic control officers (some days) as well as local PCSOs in the morning and at the end of the day.

Can we put a zebra crossing or patrol warden by the road between school and the shop? The cars drive quickly here, and this can be a worry for us.



Unfortunately, this is not within our remit as the roads belong to the council however this does not stop us.

We have made contact with our fantastic local counsellors about your concerns and Janice Jones has been out to speak with me. We had a look at the area of the road that is the biggest concern to you all so hopefully this message will go back to the council and traffic department.



Parking at pick-up and drop-off points can be chaotic with cars everywhere and people parking on the paths.

We are purchasing some signs that we will put out on the roads by the carpark entrance to school so that parents are unable to stop in front of the gates.

Mr Levy will also be standing on the gates in the morning and afternoon.



# Faces on Duty...

We have had members of staff on duty on the rear playground door and Mr Levy has been monitoring the car park gate.

All teachers meet and greet the children at their external doors in the morning.

We do not allow children whose classroom door is on the carpark side to enter this way as some children walk alone.

At 3.10pm, all children are collected by an adult so should be fully supervised by them.

We would ask that parents encourage all children to use the paths in place and not cut between the cars as these might be moving.

The path running from the main gate is narrow and sometimes people can knock into each other.



We have assigned members of staff to the front gates to supervise this area during drop off and pick up times. They will monitor the flow of people.



There is not always a member of staff on the front or rear gate to spot anything or report problems to.

There has always been 2 members of staff on the rear door but not on the gate.

We now have Mr Levy on the carpark gate.

We have had a rejig of adults on gates and after Easter you should see:

Mrs Pigg and Miss Hullin are on the rear gates.

Mr Levy is on the car park gate.

Mrs Tomlinson and Mrs Adams are on the front gate.



# Fob System and Lanyards

All members of staff wear an identification badge on a Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School lanyard and have a fob which allows them in and out of the building. These are on all external doors.

All DSLs in school wear a rainbow lanyard so that children can identify the adults that work within the Rainbow Room.

All visitors to school will sign in and wear a lanyard.



On events such as sports day when the rear field gates are open for parents/carers these should be monitored.

Absolutely!

These should be monitored on any event and will remind staff who are leading these events that a member of staff needs to be positioned here.

We will also ask them to sign in so we know who has attended.





# Visitors

All visitors to school are checked before they enter the school and need to bring identification. They must sign in at the office and read our safeguarding procedure.

Our signing in system takes a photograph and provides an identification sticker which is placed into a red or green lanyard.

A red lanyard means that the children are not to talk to them and they must be escorted through the building as they have not had the appropriate DBS checks.

A green lanyard means that the children can talk to them as they have a DBS check.

If you see or hear something that may be a safeguarding concern when you are in school, there are forms in the main foyer that you can complete and hand-in. These will then be actioned by a DDSL.





# Mobile Phone Use

As part of our safeguarding policy, parents, carers and staff are not allowed to use their mobile phones within school. They can use their mobile phone within a designated area (staffroom).

We have purchased some mobile phone lockers which will be installed in the foyer so that parents / visitors can lock their phone in there whilst on school premises. They will be secure, and you will have the key to the locker.

Pupils are not allowed to bring mobile phones into school.

We do not allow photographs, videos or facetimes to be taken during school events.







# Walking around school

Our Health and Safety lead, Mr Broderick carries out regular inspections and safety checks alongside Mr Levy and our Chair of Governors, Mr Downes-Ward.



Members of staff are trained in identifying and reporting any site concerns and these are acted on quickly.

If you see any areas that may be a concern, then please report this to the staff office so that we can action it being repaired.

# How our curriculum keeps children safe?



[How-does-the-curriculum-keep-children-safe.docx \(live.com\)](#)



# Our pupils say...



**Safe Place** leave your worries behind

shrug off any problems

be a child

rules and consistency

gates

spend time with friends

consequences

everyone is welcome

Proud to be diverse

staff are friendly and helpful

high expectations

celebrate success

classrooms are beautiful and learning is displayed

work is marked and basic errors addressed

plans to help children



**Governors**

Headteacher

Assistant Headteachers

Senior Leadership Team

Teachers

Teaching Assistants

Playground Buddies

Lunchtime Supervisors

Cleaners

Admin Team

Caretaker

Sports Leaders

Friends

Kitchen Team

Inclusion / Safeguarding Team