

APPENDIX 12

Department for Education to Helen Powell (email)

12 June 2023



Helen Powell [REDACTED]

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12 June 2023 at 11:45

To: Helen Powell [REDACTED]

Dear Mrs Powell,

Thank you for your email on 27 May 2023 regarding perimeter fence requirements.

The 'Site Security Guidance' document you refer to is a guidance document issued for schools within the Department for Education's [Risk Protection Arrangement \(RPA\)](#). Safety, security and safeguarding issues for all schools are to be addressed on a school-by-school basis and based on a risk assessment, which should include any third-party use of the facility and any impacts this may have on the school. It is not a requirement that all playing fields or indeed any school site should be fenced.

The risk assessment should determine the extent of any fencing (if required) and location and should consider criteria including:

- Secure line requirements (consider using the building as a secure line to mitigate the need for fencing)
- Proximity to occupied properties and amenities
- Availability of on-site caretakers
- Alarms or CCTV systems
- Access control systems

Given the risks associated with climate change, schools may wish to consider a greener solution such as the inclusion of a hedge, on one or both sides of a fence. This will provide provision for wildlife corridors and improve the visual amenity. Guidance on using hedging with fences can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-and-college-security/site-security-guidance>.

Your correspondence has been allocated reference number 2023-0020166. If you need to respond to us, please visit: <https://www.education.gov.uk/contactus> and quote your reference number.

As part of our commitment to improving the service we provide to our customers, we are interested in hearing your views and would welcome your comments via our website at: https://form.education.gov.uk/service/Policy_official_feedback.

Yours sincerely

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