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Councillor Judith Lubbock  
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Dear Councillor Lubbock

### **Safeguarding CNS Students**

Recently, as part of Ormiston's annual review of all schools, CNS underwent a safeguarding review by a current practising Ofsted Inspector. The report was extremely positive with one key area highlighted and reported to Ormiston on the morning of the review.

Whilst we have rigorous procedures to safeguard our students in school, we have been informed that the site is not secure, especially in relation to the playing field and access through the front of the school; these must be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

At present, some of our neighbouring houses have gates which lead onto the school field and there are also two main entrance gates (Branksome Road and Welsford Road) which are, at times, open without supervision. Many of these houses have had gates leading into CNS for some years now, however, safeguarding, as you'd expect, is at the centre of any school's priorities and as Headteacher this must take precedence.

Following advice from our Solicitors, we will be putting up fences in areas around the school where the public currently has access and opening the main entrance gates at fixed times that will be supervised by CNS staff for CNS students use only.

I realise that this will cause some disappointment and I am writing to ask your advice as how best to communicate this to residents. It is not a decision that I can either change or influence, it is about safeguarding and having been instructed by Ormiston Academies Trust for the safety of our young people.

I will await your response.

Yours Sincerely

Jim Nixon  
Headteacher



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