



# King Edward VII School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Safeguarding our students and security at King Edward VII Upper School site

We need your support to help ensure the safety and security of our School community. The Upper School site used to have gates but is now an open site. Any member of the public can walk through or park cars. The School has a Statutory Duty to keep our young people safe. To this end, I have been working to secure the Upper School site since the spring of 2017 and the School has submitted a Planning Application to the Council regarding the installation of gates and fencing at Upper School.

We have been working in collaboration with other principle users of our site including the King Edward's Swimming Pool via its Trustees. These talks had proceeded well with discussions including an agreement in principle to pool users paying a nominal charge (£1) to park at the School.

We have been disappointed to learn that the Swimming Pool Trustees have lobbied Council Officers and Councillors with the aim of keeping the School site open for the benefit of their users. This completely undermines our plan to make the site safe and secure for our School community.

### We need your support. You can do this in the following ways:

- support the School's Planning Application [CLICK HERE TO COMMENT ON THE PLANNING APPLICATION](#)
- contact your local MP and share your views; the safety of our students must come before the commercial needs and profits of the Swimming Pool
- contact King Edward VII School if you can offer support in other ways e.g. organising a petition; providing legal guidance

More information about the background to site security issues can be found on the School website in my more detailed letter. The letter can be used to help you to respond to the Planning Application to support the School.

I will be extending a further invitation to the Trustees of the Swimming Pool to meet with me to find common ground and a sensible solution. King Edward VII School is a community centred and community based School and it is essential that this ethos is maintained for the benefit of all our users while balancing the need to ensure the safety and security of all.

Yours sincerely

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