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To whom it may concern

As a school we have been subject to various trespassers on our property. The culmination of these incidents has been an arson attack on the school during August 2007 where a PE store was set on fire, burning all the stock inside and the store itself.

We were fortunate that a close neighbour saw the beginnings of the fire and called the fire brigade. We are still unfortunately experiencing the negative effects of this incident as a steel storage shed is yet to be purchased to hold all the replenished equipment. A mobile classroom, fencing and many of the trees were also damaged in the incident.

School is very aware of the need to create a calm, secure environment for all its pupils, staff and neighbours and to this aim the Governors of the school have a long term plan to provide greater security for the premises. The first phase of this process is to put a secure fence around the vulnerable area of school and a 3.8 metre wide double leaf gate to prevent easy access to the rear of the school.

The style of the fence has been chosen to enhance the environment (Green Polyester Coated Diamex Dart fencing) and school has been careful that no trees or other habitats will be destroyed in this process. As an Eco School we are very aware of the effects humans can have on the environment and we wish only to improve our grounds and make sure that everyone is safeguarded against these types of intrusions. We will be aware that additional planting of shrubs and greenery would be advantageous if the fencing is able to be erected.

Please contact me on the above telephone number if you require any more documentation.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Husband
Headteacher