

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some additional site safety measures that will be introduced at our Oldmixon site over the half term break.

Over recent months, we have experienced a number of incidents involving students accessing roof areas around the school site. Whilst staff always work hard to support students safely during periods of dysregulation, climbing onto roofs and elevated areas presents a significant risk of serious injury both to the young person involved and to others nearby.

Following discussions with the Local Authority and Health & Safety colleagues, the school will be introducing anti-climb paint in a small number of targeted areas identified as regular climbing access points. These measures are being implemented solely in the interests of pupil and staff safety and to reduce the likelihood of students accessing unsafe elevated areas.

Anti-climb paint is a thick, non-drying paint designed to discourage climbing. It is not harmful; however, it can transfer easily onto clothing, footwear and skin if touched. Signage will be displayed in all affected areas and students will be reminded not to touch or attempt to climb near these surfaces.

At the start of next term, we will also speak to students in assembly regarding the new safety measures, the reasons they have been introduced and the importance of keeping themselves and others safe around the school site.

We would appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home and discussing with your child the importance of remaining within safe supervised areas of the school site.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards



Rachael Hobson, Principal