

## School Barrier

The school via Stewart have asked us to consider contributing to the replacement of the red and white car parking barrier which is broken. The total cost is in the region of £5000: they have not specified an amount they feel we should contribute.

The school feel that the barrier is part of their safeguarding policy and limits the people allowed on site and near the children.

However:

With it permanently up there is, at least at the moment, little impact on us as an organisation. In fact it has reduced the work in that staff are not answering the buzzer several times a day for visitors and deliveries for the school. Nor does it appear to have a detrimental impact on the car parking situation although of course this may change as we move closer to 'normal'.

So it is difficult to see any benefit to us from having it replaced. We may, however, feel that contributing to its replacement will aid in creating positive and good relations with the school. To date the contact we've had with the school has, in the main, been positive but it appears there are limits to how well we can co-operate because of its designation as an Academy and one that is not rooted in our community. What I'm saying here is that the Heads hands are tied on a number of issues as she has to pass them up the chain for decision-making.

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