

Joint Communication from the Four Stones Gateway Trust and Cleobury Mortimer Town Council

To the Community of Cleobury Mortimer:

We are pleased to share that, following extensive discussions and collaboration between the landowners (Shropshire Council), Cleobury Mortimer Primary School, (represented by the Four Stones Gateway Trust) and Cleobury Mortimer Town Council, there is a mutual understanding, by all parties regarding the proposed fencing of the Cleobury Mortimer Primary School field.

This has been a complex and, at times, sensitive process. Furthermore, and in line with the covenants, it has been confirmed that fencing the playing field for the school will proceed and that plans to provide open access for the community, when the field is not in school use, has been acknowledged by all parties and assurances given by the Primary School, that this will also be adhered to.

We recognise how valued the field is by the wider community, and both the Primary School and Cleobury Mortimer Town Council are committed to ensuring continued access outside of school hours:

- A 6-metre-wide pathway will remain open at all times, allowing families to continue accessing Love Lane Play Area.
- Gates to the 'fenced area' will remain open for community use outside of school hours—specifically before 7:30 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. and during school holidays (if not in use by the school), weekends and Bank Holidays.

However, it is important to note that, for the safety and wellbeing of the children, the area will need to remain dog-free at all times, due to the risks associated with dog fouling. In response to this, the Primary School will provide a dispenser and Cleobury Mortimer Town Council have agreed to supply dog 'waste bags' for this additional dispenser.

With this shared understanding we anticipate progressing toward the installation of the fencing towards the end of January 2026, positioned as per the original consultation. Map can be seen on the school website at www.cmpschoo.co.uk

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Shropshire Council for their support throughout this process. We would also like to extend our appreciation to the wider Cleobury Mortimer community for their patience, input and understanding, as we have worked through this consultation together.

This marks an important step forward for the school and the Four Stones Gateway Trust—formerly the Shropshire Gateway Education Trust—and we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Town Council for the benefit of the children, their families and the whole community.

We would also like to take this opportunity to advise that any issues raised by the community, in relation to the fencing of this area, be directed to Cleobury Mortimer Primary School or the Four Stones Gateway Trust.

Thank you for your continued support.