



Vertical bar fencing protects Barnardo's special needs school

**Jacksons
Fencing**

Products

- 61 metres 2m high Sentry® fencing
- 4 Sentry® single leaf manual gates

Background

Situated in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, Meadows Junior School is a purpose-built school for children with special needs aged between 7 and 11 years. It offers an additional annex facility to the existing Meadows School in Southborough which provides education and care for 90 students between the age of 7-19. The new campus was opened in June 2018, and offers additional space and support for Key stage 2 children who have an EHCP, or are in the process of obtaining one.

The new school site includes three classrooms, a hall, and an atrium space, as well as smaller meeting rooms and offices. The outside space creates a green environment in which pupils can be close to nature, with separate play areas and equipment, and the potential for an allotment and planting area.

The aims of the school are to engage children by providing age-appropriate bespoke learning, with the view to introduce them to mainstream education if and when it is suitable.



Solution

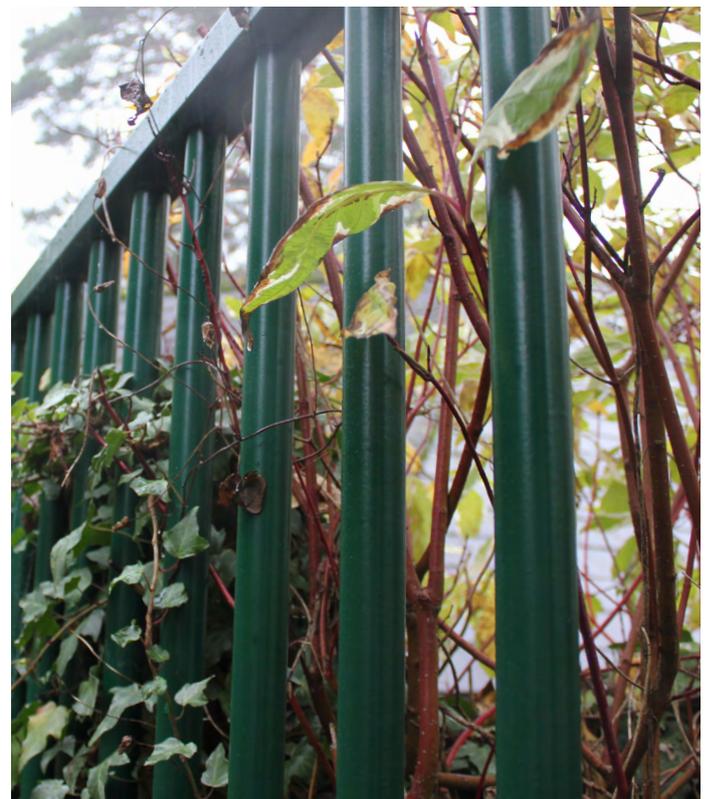
In order to keep the students safe at the new site and mitigate the risk of trespassing and vandalism, perimeter fencing and gates were required to secure the grounds, which next to a busy main road also presented the danger of oncoming traffic.

We supplied and installed 61 metres of 2 metre high vertical bar Sentry® fencing around the perimeter of the school site. Comprising of wide vertical bars with concealed fixings Sentry® is a non-intrusive fence that offers security through its anti-climb design and welded semi pale-through-rail construction, making it extremely difficult to break through. The pales are spaced with a maximum gap of 100mm to conform to anti-trap regulations, reducing the risk of children getting their limbs or heads stuck. As with all of our products, Sentry® fencing can be tailored to suit your specific requirements; it is commonly seen with a security comb topping, but in order to provide a non-intimidating solution, this was forgone.

Due to the uneven terrain, the panels were stepped upon installation along the sloping ground. The fencing and gates were powder coated green, enabling them to blend with the natural foliage in the surrounding area and create a welcoming and peaceful environment.

Four manual single leaf pedestrian gates were also installed to match the fencing, two with push pads to stop unauthorised access from the outside.

Sentry® fencing and gates come with our 25 year service life guarantee, offering a cost effective, sustainable solution.



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