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Press release from Cotham School regarding our Playing Fields at Stoke Lodge

Following the High Court decision in June this year, which confirmed that Cotham Playing Fields are school-managed land to be used for the education of our close to 1,650 students, we have been working on the necessary arrangements to resume use of the fields.

We now have an agreed mobilisation plan in place. This includes reinstating the fence, ensuring the site is safe and secure for student use, and developing a clear user policy.

In planning for the reinstatement of the fence, we are hoping to improve on previous issues, such as avoiding muddy paths, enhancing landscaping and improving the local space outside the fence, including new entrances.

To be clear, the cost of reinstating the fence is being covered by an insurance payment, following the criminal removal of the original fence by vandals.

We are going to set up a stakeholder forum and intend to engage with local residents, youth sports clubs, the Council, and the police as we move forward.

More information will be made available on our website in due course.

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