Design and Access Statement

The East Manchester Academy

Grey Mare Lane, Beswick, Manchester M11 3DS

Applicant: The Education and Leadership Trust

Agent: Lancaster Maloney Ltd

Dated July 2018

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Introduction

The Academy is located at the junction of Grey Mare Lane and Albert Street.

The Academy was constructed as the Planning Approval ref. 103543/FO/2013/N2

Current Use

The main school entrance is on the Grey Mare Lane elevation with an open forecourt and area of public realm.

The Staff Car Park accessed from Albert Street is currently surrounded with a 6-foot-high fence and associated gates. The main exit gate from the car park is automated, other gates are manual locking and opened by the school site managers to allow access for cars and the “yellow” school bus.

An access point to an addition car park is accessed and egressed from a separate point on Albert Street close to the junction with Grey Mare Lane.

Access to drop off and collect pupils with the “yellow” school bus is from Grey Mare Lane and via a one-way route to egress at the automated gate on Albert Street.

Proposals

The existing fencing around the staff car park is to be retained, however, the fence line between the staff car park and additional car park is to be removed including the double gates.

The proposal is to extend the fence line along Albert Street to its junction with Grey Mare Lane to enclose the additional car park area.

The proposed new 8-foot high fence line then continues along Grey Mare Lane returning across the forecourt to the corner of the school building adjacent to the Beswick Library entrance.

The proposed new fence line on Grey Mare Lane is to include double gates for the “Yellow” School Bus, a single controlled visitors gate and 2 No. double gate to allow pupils free ingress and exit from the school and its forecourt.

Project Need

The school has severe Safeguarding and Crime issues and require the proposed fencing enclosure with controlled points of assess and egress to protect the pupils, staff and general public.

The school have provided several statements and crime records including a statement of support to the proposal from Greater Manchester Police.

These are included at the rear of this report.

Yellow Bus Access.

The current arrangements are for the “Yellow” school bus to enter the site from Grey Mare Lane to its designated layby within the staff car park fenced enclosure. The bus then exits the site through the automated double gates onto Albert Street.

With the proposed new fence line on Grey Mare Lane discussions have taken place with the “Yellow” bus operator. These have concluded that a better and safer route would be to enter the site through the automated gates on Albert Street and then exit onto Grey Mare Lane. The entrance on Albert Street will be amended to ensure the required vehicle sweeps can be achieved and that the bus can enter the safe quickly without causing traffic delays.

Landscaping

Areas of landscaping and trees are located on the frontages of Grey Mare Lane and Albert Street.

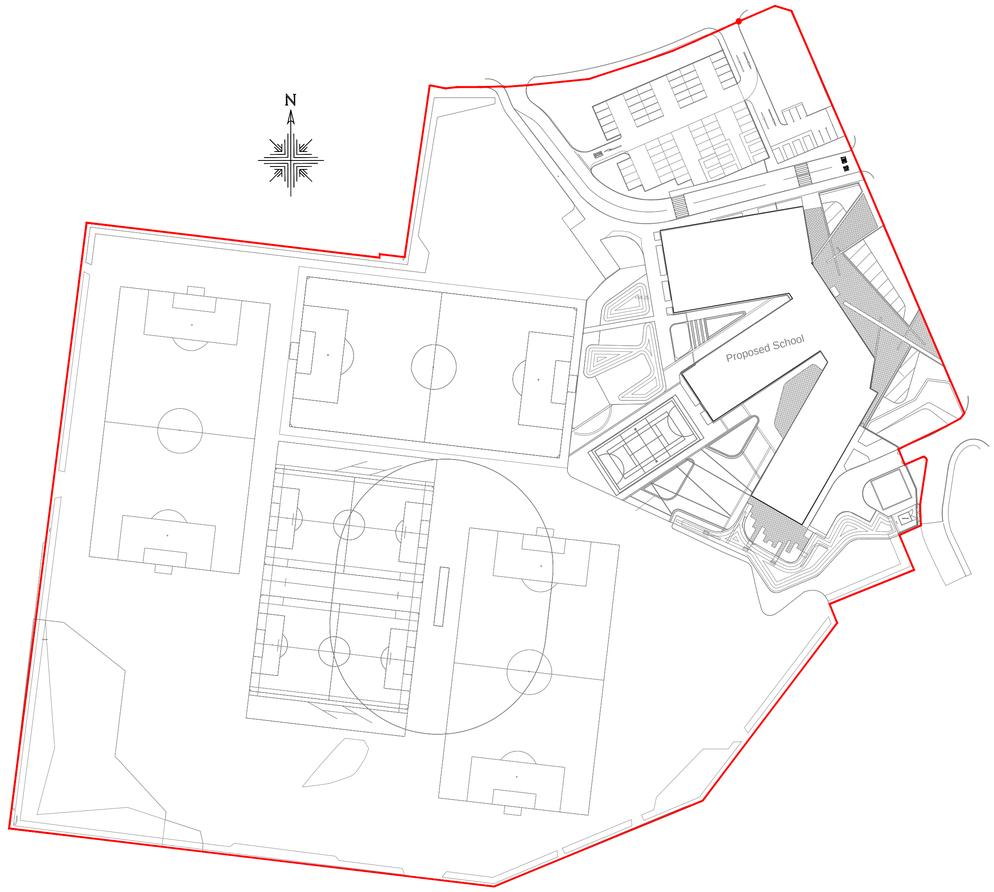
The trees within the staff car park enclosure are located approx. 2-3 metres inside the existing retained fence line.

Low level planting is provided around the perimeter of the additional car park to aid visibility at the junction of Grey Mare Lane and Albert Street.

Landscaping including trees to the forecourt frontage is contained within a raised planter feature.

The proposed fence line to the frontage will not encroach into the raised landscaped area and no trees or planting will be affected. The Planning Authority have subsequently requested an Arboricultural Impact Statement and Arboricultural Method Statement/Tree Protection Plan although the proposals do not affect the current relationship of trees to perimeter fencing.

The report has been commissioned and will be provided separately.



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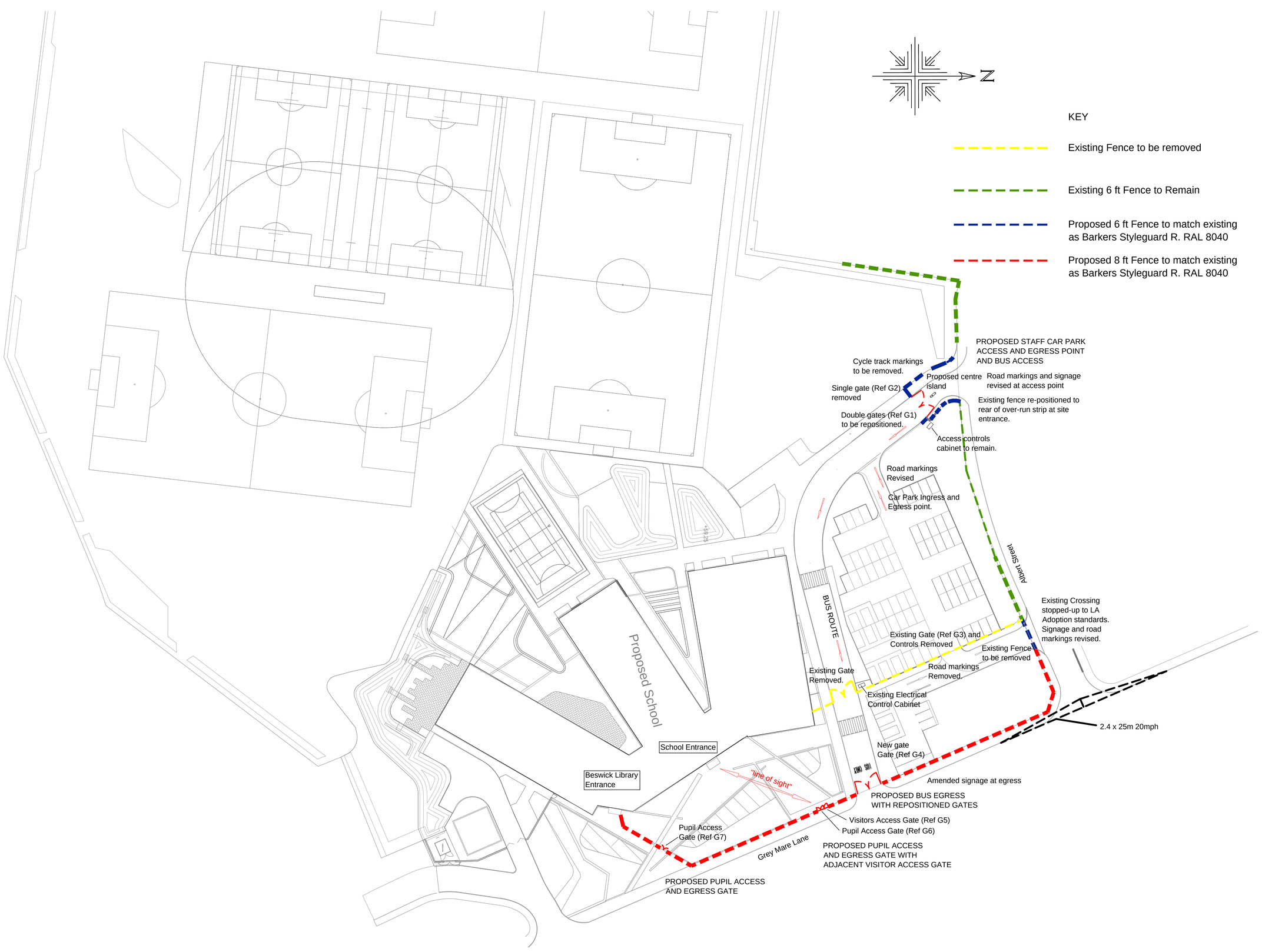

Proposed Fencing and Gates Layout

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From: P Ogden <p.ogden@temac.co.uk>
Date: 16 July 2018 at 13:23:13 BST
To: A Benedict <a.benedict@temac.co.uk>
Cc: M Birrell <m.birrell@temac.co.uk>
Subject: Issues at school forecourt

Good afternoon Anthony,

Please see below a number of issues that have caused significant risk to the school community

- Parents walking into school directly at the end of the day
- Young people on motorbikes, threatening to drive at students
- Parent/ carers trying to attack students directly outside the front doors
- Vehicles parking in front of the school gates and emergency access point
- Parent/carer driving to hit students
- Parent/ carer attacking one of our students
- Parents walking straight into school and becoming aggressive with staff/ student and refusing to leave
- Drunk people from the community sat on the benches abusing and threating staff and students
- Young people from other schools arriving and waiting to get into conflict directly outside the school front doors putting staff and students in danger
- Concerts – People drinking and smoking drugs of the grassy areas during the day and directly in access of students as they leave
- Young people with dogs that threaten the school community upon its exit
- Students who have left TEMA for a variety of reasons including P/X have no barrier to get at other students
- Parents from the local travelling communities arriving in numbers and attacking students and putting staff in danger

Thanks.
Paul

EAST MANCHESTER ACADEMY

1st September 2017 – 17th July 2018

Crime Type	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	TOTAL
Assault with Injury			1	1		1	3				6
Public Fear, Alarm or Distress			1		1		1				3
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle								3			3
Other Offences against the State and Public Order			1			1					2
Assault without Injury on a Constable										1	1
Malicious Communications					1						1
Obscene Publications etc.							1				1
Threats to Kill									1		1
TOTAL			**3**	**1**	**2**	**2**	**5**	**3**	**1**	**1**	**18**

A total of 18 **crimes** have occurred at East Manchester Academy during the course of the school year.

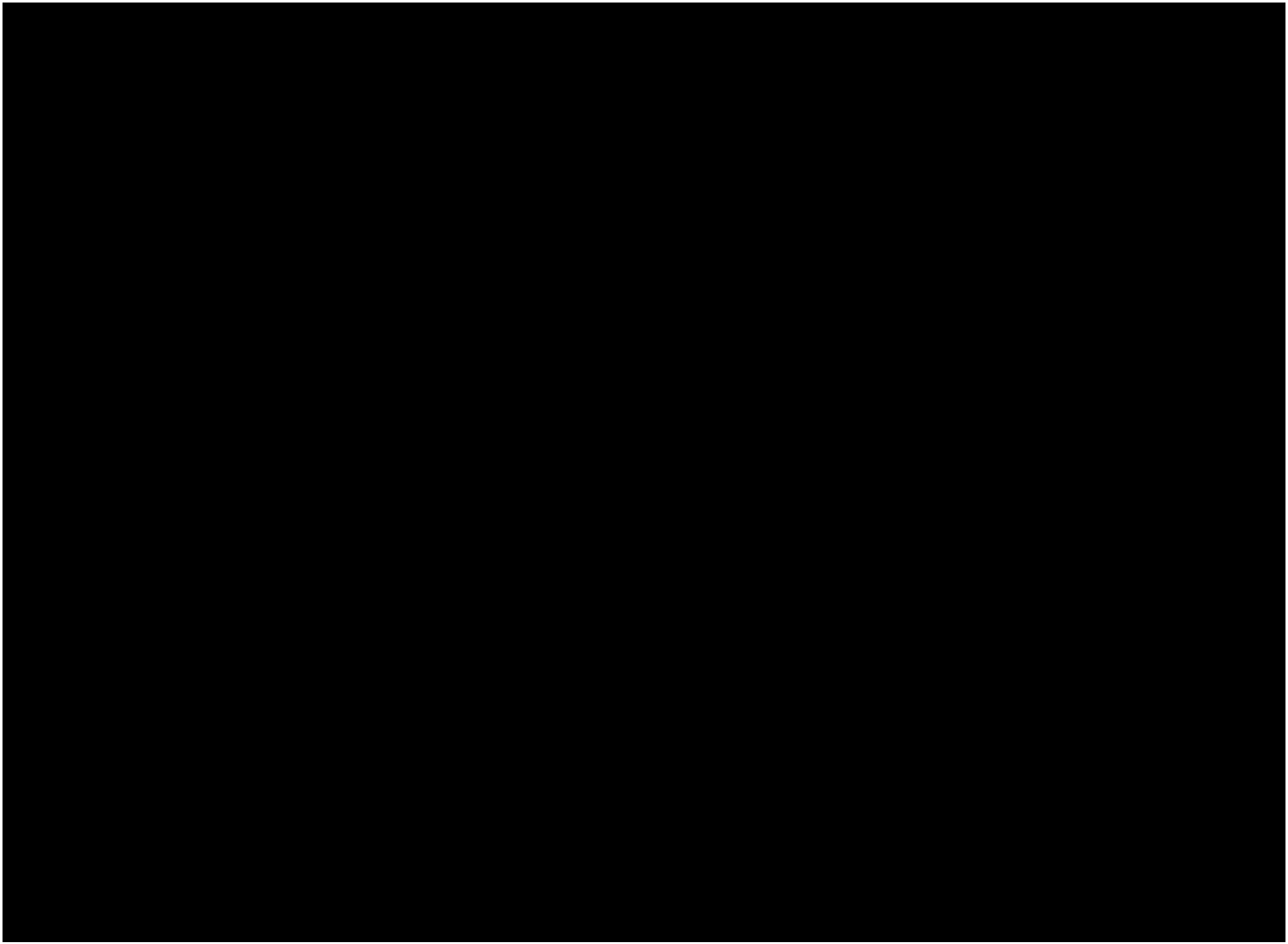
There have been 9 named offenders - no repeat offenders.

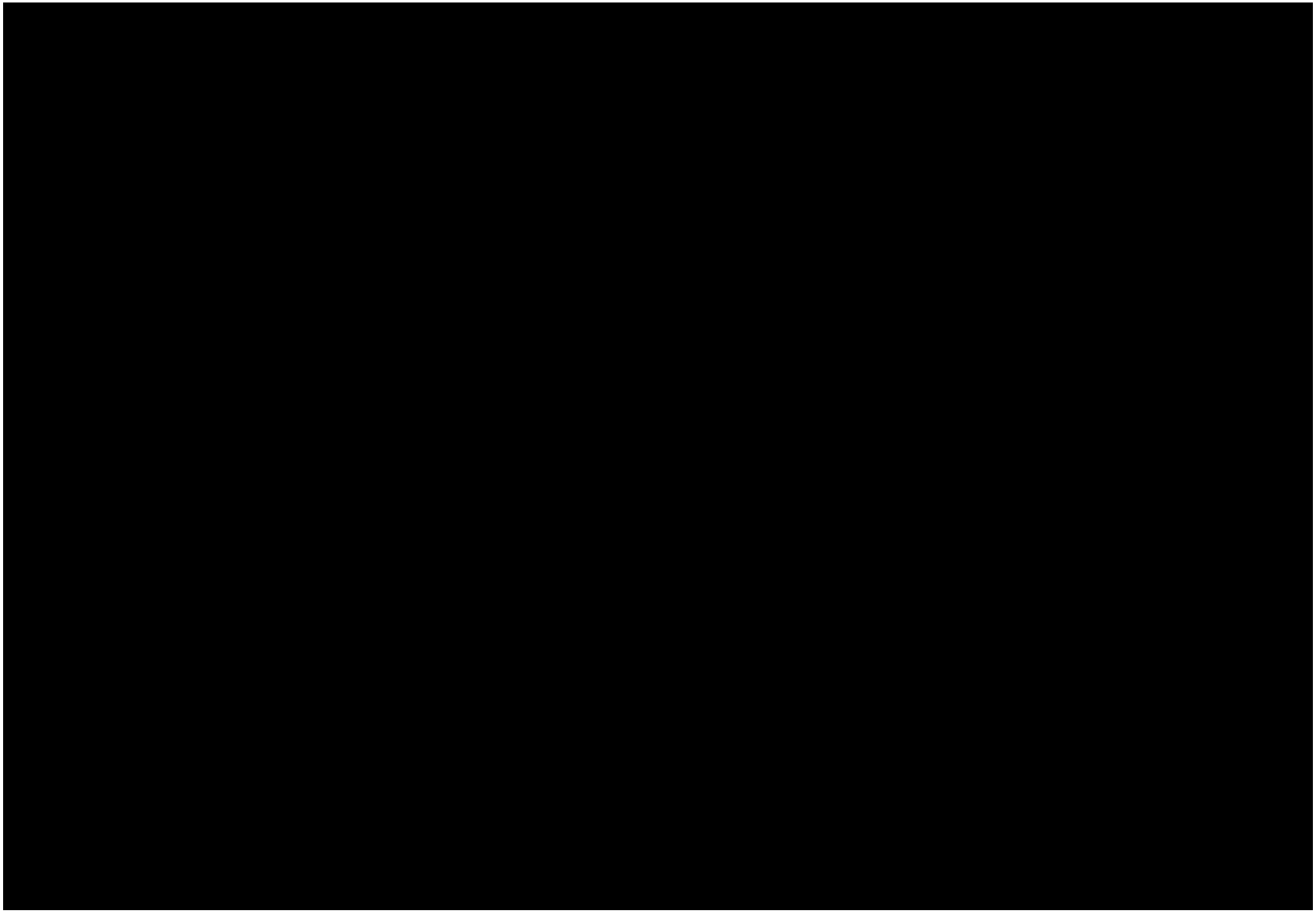
The majority of victims have been pupils at the same school, but two victims have been teachers and one a police officer.

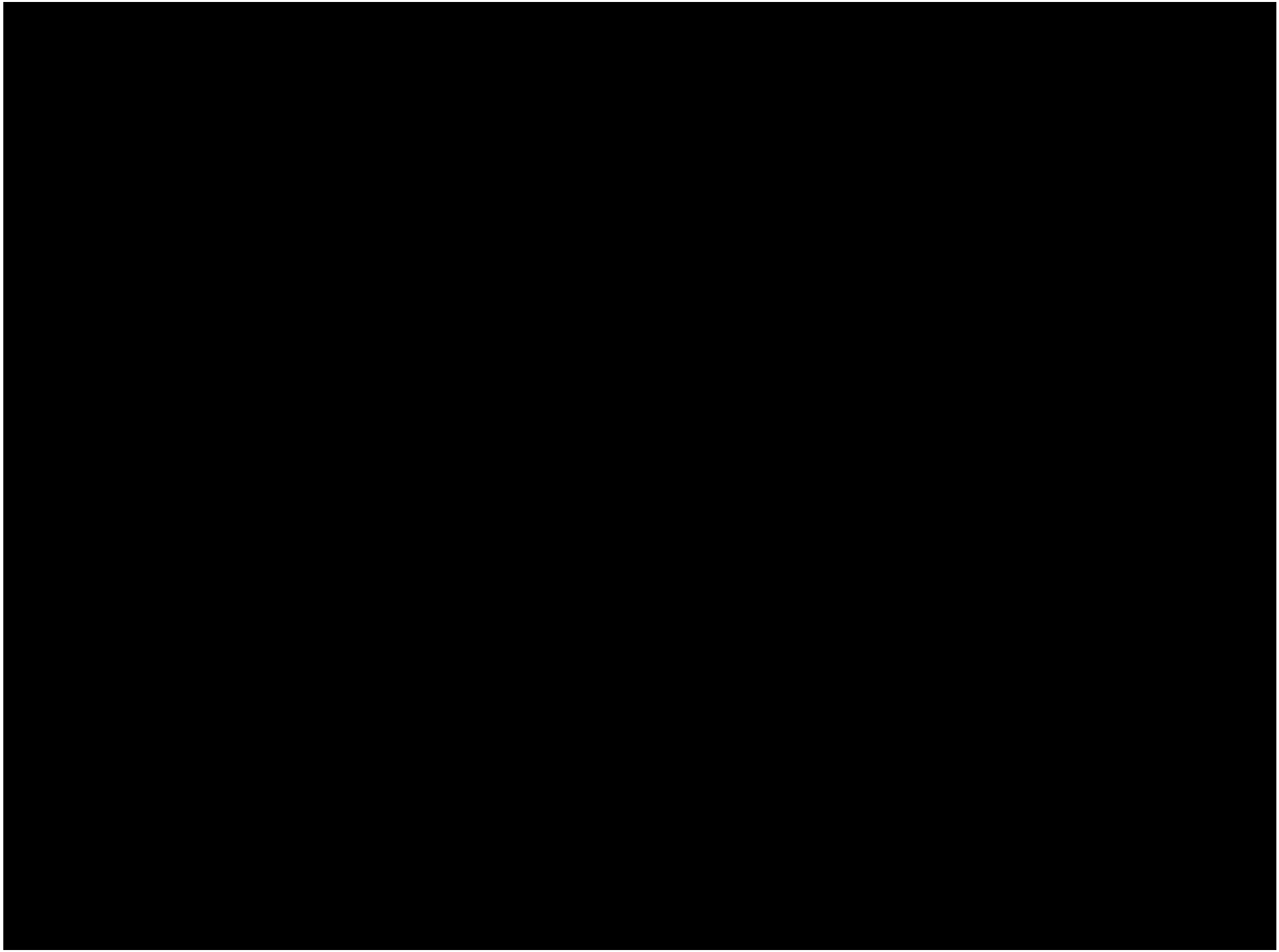
Incident Type	Sep-17	Oct-17	Nov-17	Dec-17	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	TOTAL
Violence			1	1	1	1	3		1	1	9
Other Crime			2		2		1				5
Suspicious Circumstances			1				1			1	3
Contact Record / Message / Information			1						1		2
Other Theft, Handling & Fraud								2			2
Call Made with Good Intent				1							1
Concern for Safety (17 and under)						1					1
Rowdy or Inconsiderate Behaviour									1		1
Sexual Offence Other Than Rape							1				1
Vehicle Nuisance / Inappropriate Use							1				1
TOTAL			**5**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**3**	**2**	**26**

A total of 26 **incidents** have occurred at East Manchester Academy during the course of the school year.

16 of the incidents resulted in a report of crime being taken.







Andrea Quinton
Chief Inspector
City of Manchester

Dear Anthony
Ref: Perimeter Fence at East Manchester Academy

I have reviewed the data for crimes and Anti-Social Behaviour around the school and am happy to support the request for a perimeter fence.

The majority of the schools in the North area of Manchester already have perimeter fences. This allows for effective safeguarding of the children attending the school, restricts access unless controlled by the school representatives, reduces vehicle access to the school and reduces criminality and anti-social behaviour at the end of the school day, plus vandalism etc over the evenings, weekends and school holidays.

Within the current climate, I would anticipate that the inclusion of a perimeter fence is mandatory for all new schools, and hence the completion of one for East Manchester Academy is a priority.

Yours faithfully,

Andrea Quinton
Chief Inspector
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Greater Manchester Police.