

## SPORTS & SECURITY FENCING SERVICES

### FENCEcare

#### FENCING MAINTENANCE SERVICE FOR SCHOOLS AND AUTHORITIES

Schools are responsible for the safety and welfare of hundreds of vulnerable young people who can be as dangerous as they are vulnerable - they are energetic, wilful and numerous. Experience shows that pupils will cause significant damage to school facilities given the time and inclination unobserved. They need to be seen then, and their movements controlled at all times if possible. Well maintained fencing and gates are the principle means by which this is achieved.

There are in fact nearly 400 Acts of Parliament or Statutory Instruments relating to school security matters, many of which require schools to both provide and maintain effective perimeters, and these important legal obligations can no longer be addressed by a handyman. The law states that such safety-critical issues must be discharged by "competent persons with the appropriate experience, skills, qualifications and equipment".

**Regardless of the law, a school's perimeter fencing is a highly visible public statement of its commitment to the protection and care of its pupils.**



AlphaFence has developed a unique fencing inspection, repair and maintenance service branded **FENCEcare**, which includes a comprehensive annual inspection of a school's entire perimeter arrangements (fencing, gates, etc) with a resultant report highlighting any commercial, security or safety risks. Adopting a familiar "traffic light" approach the report considers Red, what needs to be addressed immediately; Amber, what is likely to require attention in the short term; and Green, what is perfectly sound requiring no attention.

By adopting AlphaFence's FENCEcare service a School or Authority is fully informed as to the condition of their perimeter arrangements, and what future maintenance cost will need to be set aside to prolong its life and/or effectiveness. The report content may also be used to inform the annual Asset Management process, eliminating the need for this inspection to be duplicated.

In contracting with AlphaFence to both inspect AND maintain their perimeter arrangements, the school's stakeholders can be seen to have satisfied their duty of care in taking all practical steps to provide and maintain a safe and effective perimeter.

Children Need Boundaries: FENCEcare helps you provide and maintain them.

