

# The Tynning Supporting Freshford School

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## 1. Overview

Freshford School is using The Tynning to enable social distancing rules to be maintained whilst children are arriving or leaving the school.

This usage is necessary to enable Freshford School to remain open for all pupils.

The school needs to utilise every access route available, one of which is between the school gate and a narrow opening at the bottom of The Tynning as social distancing cannot be maintained using the main entrance for the majority of the pupils.

## 2. Current Problems

There are currently 3 main problems:

1. Loss of footing by adults and children alike when navigating the steep slope of The Tynning
2. There is no alternative to some children having to utilise the road when accessing The Tynning from the school when using the main school entrance.
3. Leaving The Tynning via the bottom access is directly onto the road, with limited visibility, which is causing safety issues for all, and especially for the children

The Tynning is being constantly, twice a day, by many more people than in previous years. This increased usage will cause the paths to become very muddy as the rain increases. Therefore, the matting of all the main paths should be considered.

## 3. Solutions

One solution to the first issue is installing anti-slip matting on the key paths. This matting will not damage the grass long term. (See Box C- Non-slip matting on the diagram). There is the possibility of using removable matting, which would prevent this being a permanent feature.

The solution to issues 2 and 3 is:

- a) Extend the existing pavement to provide the ability to walk from the school to the bottom entrance. This will require the hedgerow to be cut back (removed) by a few feet. (Box A on the diagram)
- b) A small rail put on the edge of the pavement by the entrance to The Tynning to prevent children from running into the road when leaving by this entrance/exit.
- c) Slightly widen the existing entrance to enable a more accessible entrance to The Tynning. This may require non-slip matting to protect the grass due to the current high usage. The exact design is under consideration whether to use steps, steps and a ramp or just a ramp. (Box B on the diagram)

## 4. Other Concerns

As there is currently high usage of the main paths across The Tynning due to maintaining social distancing rules, there is concern that the forthcoming rains will result in the ground becoming slippery on the other sloping paths and the path across the bottom of The Tynning is likely to become swampy. Children and parents are already slipping on the grass.

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## 5. The School and The Tynning

### 5.1. Current Situation



### 5.2. Proposed Changes



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## 6. Supporting Photographs

