WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION BY DEPUTY C.D. CURTIS OF ST. HELIER CENTRAL QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2023 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2023

Question

"Will the Minister advise whether access to Les Quennevais School cannot be securely maintained due to there being no gate and there being an insufficient door entry system; and will she further indicate whether there are any consequential safeguarding issues that need to be rectified urgently?"

Answer

I thank the Deputy for bringing this to my attention. I was not aware of any insufficiency in the door entry system at Les Quennevais School, nor have I been made aware of any urgent safeguarding issues as a consequence.

There are a wide range of site security options deployed across the school estate and the specifics of each site often present their own unique challenges in this respect. My department take site security and safeguarding very seriously, and significant investment has been made in recent years to improve this across the school estate.

I have asked CYPES officers to liaise with the school and Jersey Property Holdings to fully understand any issues at Les Quennevais School and, if appropriate, to develop a costed plan and timeline for resolution.