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Dear

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As Head of the school I feel that it is important that I respond to the proposals for an Eruv planned for the area adjacent to the All Saints. There are, firstly, two or three specific practical issues.

1. The proposed wire and post 'gateway' which is planned to cross the bottom of Childs Hill Walk and the school driveway would not be high enough to allow clearance for school meals lorries, emergency services, dustcarts or delivery vans to have access to the school.
2. The proposed siting would mean a wire actually crossing school property, i.e. the bottom of the school drive. This seems inappropriate for a school with different religious affiliations.
3. In the event of vandalism or accidental damage to the proposed 'gateway', a trailing wire, possibly on school property, would constitute a potential health and safety hazard and would therefore be unacceptable to the school.

Further to these practical points, there is a greater concern over the principle involved in the erection of such a zone. The school has a commitment to racial and religious integration and, whilst the major emphasis of religious education and worship at All Saints School is allied to the Christian faith, the school is proud of its multi-faith community in which no division is highlighted, no particular group excluded from any activity.

The creation of such an overt symbol of division, particularly in view of its proposed siting so close to the school, runs contrary to the spirit in which the school seeks to educate its children, Jews included, in a spirit of togetherness. I can foresee some considerable discontent amongst those associated with the school if the construction of the Eruv goes ahead.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

M. J. Horton
HEADTEACHER