

Warrior Doors Shore Up Safeguarding at Wyke Primary School



Client:

Wyke Primary School.

Problem:

Unauthorised access & exit, safety of children and Ofsted requirements.

Solution:

Warrior stainless-steel Entrance Door and Screen Combination.



Our goal is to maximise security without compromising on light or visual aesthetics. A family run British company with a 20 year heritage for market leading design, manufacture and installation.

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OUR CLIENT

Wyke Primary is a school in the town of Gillingham, Dorset for children aged 4 – 11. Wyke aims to provide a happy, stimulating learning environment where every child feels valued.

Leading the school, Headteacher Ms. Olivia Palmer is key in ensuring the safeguarding of all children at Wyke, and making sure the school is a low-risk environment.

THEIR PROBLEM

Previously the entrance of Wyke Primary was just a set of aluminium double doors. Ms. Palmer noted that this system “was not good at all really. Once someone was through that door they had free reign to access the building or to go where they liked – there was no one, or thing stopping them”.

Staff found that some of the school children were unwittingly opening the door ‘in courtesy’ for a parent or delivery person who had not yet been authorised to access the school with a member of faculty present.

Ms. Palmer highlighted that another issue with the double doors was that staff, we were not always able to monitor children exiting the building. “Some of our schoolchildren are budding runners, and it was always in the back of our minds that when they were out of sight of an adult, that they’d make their way to the front door and get out”.

Finally, there was the consideration of OFSTED’s updated framework which encourages schools to put a stronger emphasis on building security. The existing aluminium double doors were unfortunately not fit for purpose.

WARRIOR’S SOLUTION

Ms. Palmer and Business Manager Mrs. Lia Amery approached Warrior Doors looking for a solution for their door problem.

Mrs. Amery said that she had googled lobby security and found that it was very difficult to find exactly what she was looking for. “I only managed to find 2 companies, of which Warrior was 1.”

Warrior fitted a stainless-steel Entrance Door and Screen Combination, which coupled with added visibility from glazed panelling, offered staff a greater level of visibility and security.

In designing the door, it was also important to ensure that it matched the look and feel of the school. Warrior powder coated the frame in the same blue as the previous aluminium door set. This allowed the new stainless-steel door to fit in seamlessly, and provided a sense of continuity.

The fitting of the door and screen combination has empowered members of staff to confidently monitor both the access and the exit of Wyke's school premises. Warrior also provided PTE (Push to Exit) Control, which was placed at a specific height and location to prevent schoolchildren using this feature.

THE IMPACT

Since Warrior Doors fitted the Entrance Door and Screen Combination, Ms. Palmer has reported that the previous risk of children leaving the school premises has now been extremely reduced. "They can't reach the PTE button to exit the school, even when they do wander off from a 1-2-1 with a Teaching Assistant — they can't just go anywhere."

A further benefit is that the new door has made some of the older children - who might just be able to reach the button start to think actively and speak with staff about whether it is okay, or not to let visitors; parents or otherwise, into the school.

Mrs. Amery commented that, "working with Warrior Doors was such a simple process. The other company we spoke to, made a solution for our door problem sound very complex." Ms. Palmer added that "people are very quickly getting used to the new door. It just feels as if it has always been there. I would absolutely recommend Warrior Doors' product as a solution to other schools facing the same issues that we had."

Working with Wyke Primary School, Warrior Doors was able to:

- Ensure security without compromising on light and visibility
- Bolster the school's approach to safeguarding
- Offer a solution to unauthorised access and exit
- Provide an OFSTED satisfactory entry solution
- Empower and provide peace of mind to staff