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Leighton Park School



Keeping our pupils safe and secure

Leighton Park School, Reading was established in 1890. Set in 60 acres of beautiful parkland, within walking distance of Reading town centre, the school offers a vibrant learning community, where the students have the time and space to live, learn and grow.

Project background

Like all schools, Leighton Park takes the security of its staff, pupils, their possessions, its premises and equipment very seriously.

Currently the school has approximately 500 students between the ages of 11 and 18. The majority of the school's students are boarders, so security is paramount throughout the school's facilities.

Celebrating their 125th anniversary, Leighton Park School are committed to investing in their educational environment for both current and future students. With expensive equipment and facilities,

it is vitally important Chris Lewis Fire and Security keep the security in and around the premises up to date to ensure maximum protection is provided for everyone in the school.

Chris Lewis Fire & Security (CLFS) have been working with Leighton Park School for over eight years, both extending and continually improving the security of the school. With flexibility in the length of the school day, and the provision of over ten school transport routes, the school requires stringent perimeter security, all year round.

Leighton Park School required barriers to be installed at the front entrance of the school giving controlled access permission to regular visitors as well as monitoring the flow of traffic in and out of the school grounds. Vehicles visiting the school, including buses, approach an intercom system allowing internal members of staff to connect and communicate with the visitor allowing them entry into the school.

Project scope

- Access control
- Intruder alarms
- CCTV
- Automated doors for disabled access
- CCTV control room
- Automatic barriers
- Bespoke maintenance contract



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“ Chris Lewis Fire and Security have always provided us with first class solutions. They always put our staff and pupils safety first. We are glad that we used a school security expert ”

Facilities Manager,
Leighton Park School

Leighton Park School need to ensure maximum protection for their premises and therefore require highly trained operatives, maintenance, service and response to their systems 24/7. Giving staff and pupils the complete peace of mind knowing the security systems will always work when they are needed.

The solution

Chris Lewis Fire and Security installed or upgraded the access control, intruder alarms and CCTV all with an annual maintenance package for preventative protection to the school for their property, pupils, children, teachers and staff.

Access control is used at the door to the school theatre and was designed primarily to give disabled individuals easy access. This door is controlled by a long range reader, set at a height compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA), which picks up the presence of the disabled individual (via a token) and opens the door automatically.

We have created a tailored maintenance contract especially for Leighton Park School to meet their individual requirements. This includes a set number of call-outs per year, and a guaranteed four-hour rapid-response time.

The results

The access control system was installed with minimum disruption to its users, whilst creating an easy-access solution for a key school building. In particular, disability access was provided for a specific entrance, with a bonus that this gives easier entry for other users as well. At Chris Lewis Fire and Security we make certain everyone feels safe and secure in their learning and living environments.

The benefits of the annual maintenance packages guarantees full compliance and safety for all the pupils and staff within Leighton Park School, and that any repairs are addressed very quickly.

Benefits of the solution:

- Safe environment for staff and pupils
- Expensive equipment and facilities are protected
- Caters for all pupils irrespectively of disability
- Easy, one-person control of perimeter and site security
- Peace of mind that the systems are backed up 24/7
- Four-hour rapid-response time guaranteed

