

Issue 3 – Summer Term 2017

Our safeguarding team has been busy over the last term and has now increased to 22 members including every Pastoral Manager. The team had an inspiring training session which means that all 16 staff members, including colleagues fluent in Gujarati and Somali are now qualified to deal with all matters of child protection at the advanced level.

On Thursday 25th May, we joined the rest of the UK for a one minute silence in tribute to those who lost their lives or were injured in the recent tragedy at the end of the Ariana Grande concert in Manchester. Our thoughts are with the families, friends and colleagues of all those immediately affected.

In this newsletter, we focus on digital media once again as well as maintaining good mental health and wellbeing, road safety and stranger danger. We wish all our families and colleagues a safe and enjoyable half term and good luck to all our students who are in full swing exam mode.



Road Safety:

We have observed that a number of parents increasingly parking by the tube station at the end of the day to collect their children. Please remember that this is a no parking zone. It is also unsafe as it prevents the children from using the roads safely. We ask that parents meeting their children after school use dedicated parking zones and walk to meet their children at the front school gate.

We are now fortunate to have two crossings: a pelican crossing and a traffic light crossing on either side of the school entrance. We urge parents and staff to model good road safety so that our students are encouraged to do the same. Please talk to your child about the importance of road safety and remind them to use the zebra crossings.

Our Safeguarding team includes all Pastoral Managers:

- **Mr. Gerard McKenna**
(Head teacher)
- **Ms. Manderson**
(Deputy Head teacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- **Ms. Minott-Statham**
(SENCO & Designated Safeguarding officer)
- **Ms. Lazare**
(Assistant Head teacher & Designated Safeguarding officer)
- **Mr. Hart**
(Assistant Headteacher Digital Technology and Online learning)
- **Ms. Edwards**
(PSHEE Coordinator)
- **Ms. Flora Copson**
(HR Manager)
- **Mrs. Mona Shah**
(Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding)
- All **Pastoral Managers** and two additional support staff members.

No Loitering!

Please speak to your child about going straight home at the end of the school day and also about the importance of not speaking to strangers. This is even if they appear to be in need. Students should always return to school if they feel unsafe or unsure what to do. Students have also recently been reminded about not giving any visitors access to our school. All visitors must go through the reception.



Digital safety: Snapchat/ Chain Texts/ Dares

Mobile phones can be a haven to engage in harmful activities.

App focus: 'Instagram': We would advise against allowing your child to use Snapchat and parents should periodically check their children's phones for chain texts where the message reads that it should be passed on or something will happen. A third of young people view this app as 'risky'. More information can be found here: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/snapchat/> CyberFirst is an organization which offers a free course courses designed to introduce 11-17 year olds to the world of cyber security.

TV/ Media: Please be aware of a controversial Netflix programme entitled 'Thirteen Reasons Why'. In the UK there are strict guidelines about suicide in drama, but Netflix operates outside those rules.