

Issue 6 – Spring / Summer Term 2018

Our Safeguarding team includes all Pastoral Managers and our Interpreter team:

- **Mr. Gerard McKenna**
(Headteacher)
- **Ms. Manderson**
(Deputy Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- **Ms. Minott-Statham**
(SENCO & Designated Safeguarding officer)
- **Ms. Lazare**
(Assistant Headteacher & Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- **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)

Recent events

Chelsea's Choice April saw the very engaging and informative theatre production, Chelsea's Choice. The play is geared at helping students in years 8 and 9 understand the importance of making the right choices about healthy relationships, specifically, the dangers of child sexual exploitation. The actors were available at the end to answer questions from students who made the most of the opportunity.

Mental Health Week: Awareness was raised during the week of Monday 14 May to Friday 18 May. At this very important time in the year when our year 11, 12 and 13 students are sitting public exams, this was a timely reminder to pay particular attention to their mental wellbeing and to be alert to any students who may be experiencing anxiety. Of course, the key to reducing anxiety is good preparation and the Alperton staff have been supporting students with an array of revision and helpful preparation sessions. We wish our examination students the very best.

Phase 2 New Building Works: As the second part of our brand new school building reaches completion, we would like to let parents know that we have continued to work closely with the contractors to ensure the safety of all staff and students so that the space around the works is used safely. As a result, phase 2 of the building works has gone smoothly and without any safeguarding issues. We look forward to having full usage of the new building in the autumn term of 2018.

Coming in July... Culture Dementia – this organisation will be working with our students to consider how we are looking after the elderly and vulnerable members of our community.



'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) guidance in multiple languages.

We have launched our audio versions of the government guidance for professionals working with children. This information is also a useful reference point for parents to have an overview of 'safeguarding', the action we take to 'keep children safe in education' (KCSIE) and 'child protection'. The guidance is being updated and will be published in September. To hear the audio which is available in Gujarati, French and Spanish, please visit: <http://www.alperton.brent.sch.uk/parents/keeping-your-child-safe/>. We will be happy to receive feedback on the audio versions of the guidance.



Road Safety

We have construction works taking place immediately outside the Ealing Road site. As a result, the new zebra crossing outside the school is not in operation and cannot be used. This has made crossing the main road more difficult. We would like all of our community to use the pelican crossing underneath the bridge by Alperton underground Station. This is the safest way to cross the road to travel to and from the Ealing Road school building. Please remind your children of this. We hope that the works will not continue for too long.

Moved house? Changed contact number? New medical information?

If the answer is 'yes', then please tell us. If any of your personal details have changed, parents must notify the school. New legislation now requires schools to have **two contact numbers** per legal guardian. The names of any new carers or designated contacts must be with school. If we are unable to make contact with the responsible adult, we will not be able to keep students in school as this creates a safeguarding concern and puts staff and students at r

Top tips for summer

Warmer weather: as the weather is getting warmer, it is extremely important to keep hydrated. Please remember the importance of a healthy diet, sleep and exercise, which are required for a healthy body and mind. This will be particularly important during the second half of this term where students sit exams and partake in a variety of extended learning activities.