

20 May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has recently come to our attention that a small number of sixth form students have been attending a house mosque next door to a chicken shop on Mount Pleasant Avenue during lunch breaks.

I am writing to advise students and parents that entering a house mosque constitutes a serious safeguarding concern. This is because we have no way of ensuring your child will be safe and will not be exposed to messages or sermons which are not conducive to British values.

As a school we recognise the importance of religious observance for our Muslim community, especially during this time of Ramadan. However, it is imperative that we ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students at all times. Indeed, we offer a room at both our Ealing Road and Stanley Avenue sites which may be used for prayers which is always supervised by a member of staff. Therefore, our students have no reason to leave the premises should they wish to pray.

You will already have received our letter entitled 'Ramadan 2019' which sets out existing arrangements to support and accommodate our Muslim students' needs during this time. This is particularly important for all the students who are about to sit public examinations.

I would be grateful if you used this opportunity to speak with your child to ensure they understand this safeguarding message and do not use the house mosque as a venue for prayers in the future.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely



Gerard McKenna
Headteacher