



Issue 10 – Summer Term 2019

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

- **Mr. Gerard McKenna**
(Headteacher)
- **Ms. Manderson**
(Deputy Headteacher & Designated Safeguarding Lead)
- **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)
- **Ms. Minott-Statham**
(Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead)
- **Mrs. Mona Shah**
(Governor with responsibility for Safeguarding)

Recent events

This term we have been busy ensuring that all our safeguarding team have received up-to-date training. This will ensure that our students are in the best hands when it comes to matters of safeguarding. Sadly, we bid farewell to Ms Manderson who is leaving Alperton to take up a new role at another school. The Designated Safeguarding Role will now sit with Mr Hart who already has a wealth of experience, especially in matters linked to digital safety. We have a reminder about safeguarding our students in this bulletin.

On a positive note, we welcome Ms Barnett, Ms Lucas and Mr Jenkins to the wider safeguarding team as safeguarding officers for the new year 7, new year 8 and the SLT linked to year 9 respectively.

We have had a number of works carried out in the roads outside our Ealing Road. Our students have been vigilant when crossing and using the pavements. Please continue to remind your children to be safe as they make their way to and from school. We look forward to an updated landscape outside our Ealing Road site.

Useful information: Contact Brent Family Front Door if you have a concern: 0208 937 4300

Internet Safety – 2 top tips for parents

Become computer literate. Learn how to block objectionable material. Spend time online together. Teach your kids appropriate online behaviour.

Let your children know you're listening:

NSPCC Learning has released a new animation to help adults ensure children and young people always feel they are listened to when they disclose abuse. Techniques outlined include: giving the children and young people your full attention and keeping body language open and encouraging; slowing down – let them go at their own pace; and showing you understand, by reflecting back what they have said to check your understanding.

Grooming risk: Stay Safe, Stay Busy over the summer

We have been made aware of young people being at risk of grooming. It is said that some identified individuals, engaged in criminal activities will be especially targeting young people who have 'nothing to do' over the summer holidays. The summer break is a critical time for young people who are left idle to engage in anti-social behaviour. We want all our parents and carers to be aware of the risks and alert to their children's behaviours and activities. During the summer, there are plenty of activities for children and young people.

Children should also spend some time each day refreshing their knowledge of the different subjects they study. For some ideas, our students have received information about using time wisely to revise. It is important to know the whereabouts of your child at all times and to be alert to their friendship groups and activities on their mobile phones.



Stay safe online & reduce screen time

There is no doubt that parenting in this age requires new skills. We ask all parents to review their child's use of online applications regularly. Seek advice if you have concerns about your child's online activities or excessive screen time.

Ask yourself some questions:

- Does my child really need a smart phone?
- Is my child sleeping at night or using their phone?

How do I know if my child is affected by too much gaming or phone use? See here for helpful advice:

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/tv-habits.html>

Summer holidays are here!

As we approach the end of term, please remember the importance of a healthy diet and a healthy mind. Stay hydrated over the summer weeks.

We hope you have found the safeguarding newsletters helpful and informative.

We wish you a safe, fun and enjoyable summer.