

Latest Advice and Information for Parents, Students and Staff 2021 Summer Term Edition

Welcome to the Summer term edition of Safeguarding News. The aim of this newsletter is to highlight some of the current themes, provide the latest advice and guidance and to link to resources that we can all use in keeping students safe.



Expanded Safeguarding Team

Over the course of 2020-21 we have expanded our Safeguarding team. The team covers every aspect of school and means that any student can talk to any of the team and be listened to first time. Each of the team, during the Summer term have gone through Advanced Safeguarding Training to ensure that they are up to date with their safeguarding knowledge and able to deal with concerns that are raised. Click [here](#) for a poster of the team.

New Safeguarding Information - Social Media for Parents

Why do Year 7 talk about being on Tik-Tok? Do you know the minimum age limits for different social media? As a school, we have had to deal with a large number of incidents which have started between students outside of school on social media. We would ask all parents to check your child's use of social media. To help, we have collected together some very useful guides for parents on different social media - these are "What parents need to know about ..." and are produced by National Online Safety. You can access the safeguarding page on our website [here](#).



Summer Holiday

During the Summer holiday there are lots of places you can visit to get excellent advice and guidance on any concerns you may have in respect to safeguarding or mental wellbeing. We have put together a list of resources and links that can be accessed from the main Safeguarding page [here](#).

Coronavirus / COVID-19 : Latest Information

You can find the latest information about Covid-19 by accessing the link [here](#) (Brent) or [here](#) (Ealing). Testing and other services can be accessed from these sites. We will also keep you updated also - please keep an eye on any alerts on the MyEd app and our website [here](#).

NHS Coronavirus (COVID-19) website can be accessed [here](#).



Safeguarding in focus : Knife Crime

The focus on knife crime has been a constant across Lonson for a number of years. But why do young people decide to carry a knife and what are the consequences?

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99% of young people in England and Wales live knife free. And, while those that carry often claim to do it to feel safer, carrying a knife can get you into dangerous situations. If you've considered carrying a knife – or are already carrying – there are things you need to think about. While some people and places make you feel like you need to carry, it's never worth it.



Real Stories is a series of short films produced by young people who have been involved with knives. The consequences and dangers of knife carrying are real, but it's never too late to make the decision to live knife free. Sean, Cameron and Meghan have bravely shared their stories. Watch the film here, or scroll down to see their full stories. To watch their stories and more click [here](#).

Peer-on-Peer Sexual Abuse : Everyone's Invited

You may have seen in the news that as a response to the website Everyone's Invited, Ofsted were asked to conduct a review into sexual abuse. The result of the review was 7 recommendations for schools. In June 2021 we conducted a full review of our Safeguarding provision and included these recommendations from Ofsted. The review has given school a clear understanding of our many strengths but also some areas where we can improve - some with the help of parents / carers at home. We will, at first, conduct a survey of all students by the end of term to gain a better understanding of their experiences and perceptions which will then be used in our planning for next year. This will allow us to ensure that our students understand what sexual abuse is, e.g. from inappropriate physical contact to name calling, and what to do about it when they experience or see it being done to others. The NSPCC has an excellent section on this topic which you can access [here](#).



Are all your contact details up to date?

If you change your home phone / email / mobile number please let the school know so that we have the most up to date contact details. Please let the school know by calling in or emailing at office@alperton.brent.sch.uk.

Keep up to date by visiting our social media

As well as keeping the website updated we also have our social media too. These are updated more regularly with news, events and other information. Click on each of the images below.



Quick links
if you need help
or advice :

