

Latest Advice and Information for Parents, Students and Staff 2026 Spring Term Edition

Alpertons Safeguarding Team



I'm Mr Hart, the Designated Safeguarding Lead for our school. Working with me I have a safeguarding team. These are colleagues who work with our students everyday and really get to know them.

Click [HERE](#) to go to our website where you can find our Safeguarding Team and past editions of the newsletter.

Keeping Safe

Alperton, as an area, is a safe space. It is going through a period of massive change and regeneration which, on one hand is positive, but on the other can bring challenges.



In our previous newsletter we looked at **Personal Safety** and how to keep safe when out and about. Phone theft remains a major concern and continues to be an issue.

BBC NEWS Met chief gives phone firms deadline over thefts

BBC News Article on phone theft in London can be read [HERE](#)

Local Issues



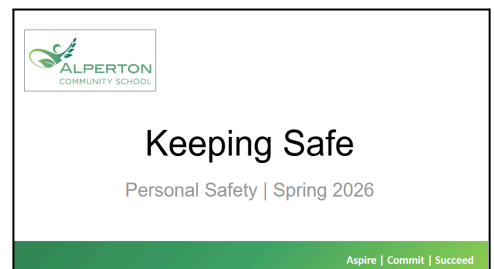
Over the past few weeks we have seen an increase in incidents involving groups of young people in and around the Ealing Road area.

We know that some incidents have been circulating on TikTok, Instagram and also via WhatsApp. Many students and parents / carers have shared the incidents with us and would encourage the sharing of information to ensure we keep Alperton safe for everyone.

As a school we are working closely with Community Safety and the Metropolitan Police to help put a stop to these incidents.

We have given whole year group assemblies on how to keep safe and reinforced that Alperton is a safe space for everyone. You can view a copy of the assembly [HERE](#).

We have reminded students that they must go straight home after school and not loiter around shops or other spaces around school, for example, playgrounds and near to the canal.



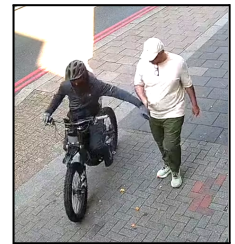
In the previous issue I focussed on Personal Safety ... I have included this below in the light of recent events. You can view all the previous newsletters [HERE](#).

Being Safe on the Street : Personal Safety

Alperton is not a “hot spot” for gang activity ... it is a safe place to be out and about. But we all need to be vigilant and keep each other safe when out and about.



However, the **no.1 item for theft on the street is your mobile phone**. You will have seen in the news that thieves using mopeds or e-bikes are taking mobile phones from people.



But whatever the threat, what would you do if you didn't feel safe when on Ealing Road, Atlip Road, Canal area, Mount Pleasant or Wembley High Road? (... or anywhere else)

- **Situational awareness** – Being actively aware of your surroundings (familiarity is not being aware)
- **Put your phone away** – If you're staring at your screen, on a call, listening to music, you can't be situationally aware
- **Strength in numbers** – If possible, go out with a friend, or in a group for safety
- **Trust your gut instinct** – If a situation feels wrong, act to change it immediately
- **Go to a safe space** - either back to school go to a shop / restaurant where other people are around to help you

Mobile Phones in School

You may have seen in January 2026 on the TV or in the press that the Department for Education has issued new guidance to schools on young people having mobile phones in school.

They have said that **“All schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default”**. This means devices should not be used or seen during lessons, break times, or lunchtimes. Exceptions would include for medical reasons, SEND or young people with caring responsibilities.

This policy will be checked by Ofsted in our next inspection.

We currently have a policy where mobile phones can only be “feature phones” and should be off and in the school bag. We will review this in the light of the next requirements from the Department for Education and communicate any changes to students, parents or carers know any changes.

You can read the BBC article [HERE](#) on phone free school announcements.



Smartphones and Parental Controls

Both Apple and Android have built-in parental controls to allow you to control what your child can access and also what times they can use their phone or device.

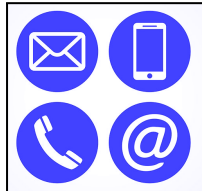


Apple have **Screen Time** and you can find out more [HERE](#)



Android have **Family Link** and you can find out more [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, emailing office@alperton.brent.sch.uk or by using the **MCAS (My Child at School) app**.

If school is closed but there is lots of help available ...

	<p>Brent Family Front Door 020 8937 4300</p>	<div data-bbox="805 884 1177 1137"> <p>Supporting you with the cost of living Tackling tough times together</p> </div> <div data-bbox="1252 936 1433 1111"> </div> <p data-bbox="1252 1131 1433 1164">SCAN ME</p>
	<p>Ealing Children's Services 020 8825 8000</p>	
	<p>Childline 0800 1111</p>	<p data-bbox="815 1171 1082 1211">Live in Ealing?</p> <div data-bbox="1233 1211 1453 1328"> </div> <p data-bbox="815 1317 1473 1485">You can access the Ealing Cost of Living Help & Advice page HERE. Ealing also has a link to the Community Support Directory for residents to find local support HERE.</p>
	<p>Kooth www.kooth.com</p>	
	<p>Metropolitan police 999</p>	

Need help & advice?



I need help! There is help available - lots of advice and guidance is available online that you can use - including family digital agreements. If you are worried then please contact your Pastoral Manager who is part of our Safeguarding Team.

If you are worried about a child or you have a concern then the NSPCC can help. You can contact them either via their website [HERE](#) or by calling them on 0800 1111 or 0808 800 5000.

If you have an **immediate concern** about a child then please call **999**

