



Ark Elvin Academy

7th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Safety in our community

As you will be aware the issue of street crime and in particular violence is one that is affecting communities across the country not just here in Brent, now more than ever we must work together as a community to keep our children safe. There are a number of approaches we are taking as a school:

We have senior teachers supervising our pupils on the high street - and pupils are only allowed to use the bus stops directly outside the school entrance. This is so we can supervise them and also because the bus stops further along the high street are often used by other schools and this is where some trouble has occurred in the past.

- We have created a safe phone zone on the entrance path to school where pupils can use their phones on the way out of school at the end of the day. This is to encourage pupils not to have their phones on display on the high street.
- Pupils are not allowed to linger on the high street or in the local area and must make their way straight home at the end of the day - we are clear that any anti-social behaviour caused by our pupils in our local community will lead to consequences at school even if the incidents happen at the weekend.
- We will continue to educate your children about street safety through our tutor time programme in each year group.

We would also encourage parents and carers to support these messages and in particular:

- Ensure your children make their way straight home at the end of the day
- Be clear with them that they should not ever linger on the streets after school or at the weekend
- Remind your children not to walk around on the streets with mobile phone
- Make sure your child keeps in regular contact with you and you know where they are and who they are with.

Finally please let us know if you hear of or your child reports any issues in our local community - even if it is at the weekend. The more we know the more we can support and inform your child about how to keep safe. We are also working closely with our local police to tackle these issues. You and your children will see that there is a higher police presence in the area at the moment responding to our concerns about pupil's safety.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any feedback, questions or information you would like to share.

A famous African proverb says 'it takes a village to raise a child' - and we need strong community now more than ever.

With kind regards,

Rebecca Curtis
Principal

Reminder: Monday 11th March is a staff training day and pupils in Y7-10 will not be in school. Pupils in Y11 will be attending a motivational revision workshop and must be in school at the normal time.