

Friday 13th September

RE: Safety in the local area

Dear parents and carers,

We are aware of some parental concerns regarding issues on the Soho Road, Grove Lane and, at times, on Dawson Road. This week we have installed additional fencing and a gate to the main reception office to eliminate people coming into the front office garden area outside school hours.

Please find below a letter from PC Manns about how West Midlands police are working to improve safety in the area:

West Midlands Police are aware of the ongoing issues on Soho Road and in the surrounding area recently.

We will respond in the following ways:

- Increased neighbourhood patrols on Soho Road and Villa Road especially.
- Safety assemblies delivered to students by Schools Officer focussing on keeping safe.
- All school staff to wear hi-vis jackets when out on dismissal duty
- Safer Travel to monitor the main bus routes (74, 16, 11 and 101) into the city and towards Sandwell.
- Guardian Taskforce Patrols
- OSU Taskforce deployment
- Regular stakeholder meetings run by WMP

In addition to this, we held a stakeholders meeting on 09th September 2024. WMP, schools and the local community discussed safety precautions. Here are some of the outcomes.

1. Staff communication group to be set up to ensure schools can share real-time information during arrival and dismissal time.
2. An “All Out Day” to be planned. This is an event organized by WMP in conjunction with the council and other partner agencies whereby a full day is spent on Soho Road blitzing the problems that are causing concerns for students and parents.

Partners include:

- Street Cleaning
- Waste Enforcement
- Trading Standards
- Trident Outreach
- Cocaine Anonymous
- Change Grow Live (CGL)
- Turnaround
- Streetwatch
- Local PCSO's/NHT/Safer Travel patrols
- Birmingham LPA Partnerships team (crime prevention)



If you have any questions or queries, please email them to the school for the attention of PC_229790 MANNs. Please email enquiry@grove.bham.sch.uk.

I would also urge parents not to park on the yellow lines on Dawson Road. We have seen parents drop off pupils by opening their car doors into the road. This behaviour is unsafe and may lead to a child being seriously injured.

This is the law regarding children wearing seat belts:

Children must [normally use a child car seat](#) until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

Children over 12 or more than 135cm tall [must wear a seat belt](#).

You can choose a child car seat based on your child's height or weight.

For more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>

I hope you find the information useful. Together we are working to improve the safety of our children.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Baker
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