

Our Ref: Student Care/LMA/LFo

20th March 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians

Re: Local Incidents

The Duston School Safeguarding team have been made aware of two recent incidents that have taken place locally this week.

Incident 1: 18th March 2019 – approximately 3:15pm

As students exited the main school gates, they noticed a van parked opposite the school, possibly a Ford transit, silver/grey in colour, on Berrywood Road. Two white males were inside the van (one has been described as scruffy with black hair, long nose and wearing a grey hoodie both possibly in their 40s). They drove past the students and beeped at them causing the students to turn. They later saw the van again in the St Giles area of Duston but this time they flashed the lights and the males gestured to the students.

This incident has been reported to the Police and given the Incident Number: **282 20 03 19**

Incident 2: 19th March 2019 – approximately 10:35am

At the bottom of Berrywood Road at the pedestrian pass that links to Vincent Close an older man, appeared to be acting strangely and crossed the road towards two students. The male did approach and speak to the students and his actions were distressing. The male is described as white, approximately 5' 7", frail in appearance, aged 70-80; he was wearing navy joggers, grey Christmas jumper, grey/white trainers and a cream flat-cap and dark glasses.

This incident has been reported to the Police and given the **Incident Number: 125 20 03 19**

Should anyone have any further information regarding either of the above incidents the Police have requested this be shared with them via the incident numbers provided.

If any student ever feels that they are at risk of harm when in a public place, at any time, they should contact the police straight away on 999. We also encourage our students to report any such incidences with us at The Duston School or to an adult they trust.

Yours faithfully,



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