

Our Ref: Safeguarding/LFo

17th March 2021

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Re: Local Safeguarding Concern – 16.03.21

Today we have been made aware of an incident that occurred yesterday at approximately 3:00pm.

A student (in TDS uniform) was waiting to be collected outside the St Crispin's Social Club when a black 4x4 vehicle pulled up next to them. The male inside, lowered his window, held out his phone towards the student and appeared to film or photograph the student - He then drove off away from the carpark.

Description of the male is limited but he was described as a black male, with a bald head and a rounded face. As mentioned above, the vehicle was a black 4x4.

The incident and descriptions have been provided to the police and the student involved has received advice and support from the school's Student Care and Safeguarding teams.

With the above limited information in mind, we would advise that any child walking to/from school does so in a group (if at all possible) and if collecting your child from school please arrange to do so from a safe and secure area.

As always, we would emphasise that 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 any adult that they trust.

Yours faithfully,

Mr L Martin

Designated Officer for Safeguarding & Child Protection

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