

AL WAKRA

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March 21 2024

Dear parents,

I am writing this week to remind parents of our collective responsibility as a school community to ensure that safeguarding is a priority at all times. We not only have a robust safeguarding policy (which is available here) but also some very clear processes and expectations in place. In order to gain access to our school building, for example, all visitors – including parents, drivers & nannies – must be wearing the DBS lanyard which they have previously applied for. This system is present so that we know at all times exactly who is authorised to be on our campus.

Similarly, parents will have noticed the presence of teachers and other professionals in DBS high-viz vests at the beginning and end of each school day for some time now, including during the adjusted timings in place during the Holy Month of Ramadan. Our role in that moment is to ensure the safety of the young people in our care whilst they are entering and exiting our school. The roads around all schools can present some dangers – such as cars driving too fast, drivers parking irresponsibly, and so on – so we take this part of our daily routines very seriously indeed. I am grateful for the ongoing support of parents in this regard, and it would be hugely appreciated if all parents could continue to also play their roles in sticking to speed limits, only parking in allocated parking bays and allowing students to cross at crossing points. Safeguarding will always be of the utmost importance to us as educators, but we all have contributions to make when it comes to keeping children safe.

In addition, I am always greatly impressed by the commitment of students and their families to our school, most notably by how punctually the vast majority of children are dropped off each morning and collected each afternoon, and by how smartly our DBS uniform is worn by most students.

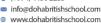
As we begin to enter the warmer months, it may be worth repeating that students are only able to wear DBS-branded uniform items in our school. All uniform, for example, should be of the DBS variety; hoodies and other non-DBS items are not allowed. Similarly, parents should ensure that students have the correct footwear for school each day; black shoes should be worn when students are in their complete and correct DBS uniform, whilst trainers should only be worn on PE days.

As always, if any parents would like to contact me directly regarding this information, I would welcome them to do so via the email address below.

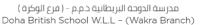
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Yours sincerely,

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