

Police issue new image of missing Mikaeel Kular



Police in Edinburgh have issued a new image of missing boy Mikaeel Kular as enquiries continue to trace the three-year-old.

The image shows Mikaeel in the jacket he was believed to be wearing when he disappeared.

Officers are keen for local members of the Drylaw community to come forward if they believe they have seen a child wearing a coat like this within the area since 9pm last night.

Mikaeel is described as being of Asian appearance, two feet tall and of slim build. In addition to the thigh-length beige coat, it is possible he is also wearing black gloves with multi-coloured fingers, dark navy blue jogging bottoms, a grey pyjama top featuring an embroidered turquoise dinosaur on the chest and brown Clark shoes with two Velcro straps.

He has a faded scar on the bridge of his nose and a sore on the left hand side of his mouth.

A Child Rescue Alert has been activated as part of the search for Mikaeel and a dedicated number has been set up for those with information that can help establish his whereabouts.

That number is 0300 200 0200

Door to door enquiries are being conducted in support of this investigation, with specialist support being provided by Operational Support Division, including Air Support, Roads Policing, Police dogs and trained search officers.

Anyone who can help trace Mikaeel is asked to contact police

immediately.

Superintendent Liz McAinsh said: "Our enquiries to trace Mikaeel have been ongoing for over 12 hours now and so far, we have still to receive that vital piece of information that will lead to his discovery.

"I would like to thank the local community for their continued support and assistance during the search, and I also wish to thank those who have already called our dedicated number with information.

"All information received is being quickly progressed by our officers and I'd like to urge anyone who thinks they may know where Mikaeel is to get in touch if they haven't done so already.

"This new image shows the jacket we believe Mikaeel was wearing when he disappeared. Local residents and those who travel through the Drylaw area on a daily basis are urged to be vigilant for a young child matching Mikaeel's description who may be wearing a jacket like this.

"Anyone who has information that can help us trace Mikaeel and bring him home is asked to contact police immediately."