



Acting Head Teacher:
Paul Vine

Dear parents/carers,

It has been drawn to our attention that a child was approached by a man near our school on Friday evening at around 6:00pm. The incident has been reported to the police and they have visited school to ensure us they are aware of the incident and are now increasing patrols of the area. We will be speaking to children in assembly this week and have posted information on our school's social media accounts. However, we would like to take this opportunity to outline some safety advice that you may want to discuss with your child/children.

What children can do:

- Never go anywhere with someone you don't know, even if they say they know you or your parents. Don't be fooled by a stranger knowing your name.
- Never accept anything from a stranger, e.g. sweets. Say 'no' and run away.
- Always play in an area where your parents can see you, or you have permission to be in.
- 'Yell and Tell' - if you don't feel safe, yell 'Help!' or 'I don't know you!' to get attention.
- If you feel uncomfortable, go to a safe zone, e.g. your home, a friend's house, a school, a police station or a shop. You could also approach a safe adult, e.g. a policeman or an adult you know.

What parents can do:

- Explain the above advice to your child/children.
- Make it a rule that your child/children ask your permission before going anywhere and give them your mobile number so they can reach you at all times.
- Point out safe places to go or safe roads/routes to take.
- Explain that it is ok to say 'no' to a stranger - it is not impolite.
- Encourage your child to play with others as there is safety in numbers.

We do not wish to cause any unnecessary alarm amongst children or parents by sharing this information but this is a good opportunity to raise awareness and to communicate a clear, consistent message in the community. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please let me know.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. R. Mellor (Acting Deputy Headteacher).



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