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5th October 2017

Dear Parents,

It has been reported to school that earlier this week, a child was approached by a stranger in the locality who tried to enter into a discussion with them. Whilst nothing directly inappropriate was said to the child, the act itself has been reported to the Police Community Support Officers.

The child recognised that they could potentially be in a dangerous situation and did not engage with the stranger and went home and told their parents.

While I do not want to raise alarm amongst parents, and with the dark winter nights fast approaching, could you please reinforce the following safety message to your children:

**Basic stranger danger rules your child should know:**

- Never accept gifts or sweets from a stranger
- Never accept a lift in a car from a stranger
- Never go anywhere with a stranger
- Never go off on your own without telling a parent or trusted adult
- Never go up to a car to give directions - keep away so that no one can get hold of you and you can run away
- Always tell a trusted adult if you have been approached by a stranger
- Remember the Yell, Run, Tell rule - it's okay to run and scream if you find yourself in danger. Get away from the source of danger as fast as you can.
- If you find yourself in danger always run towards shops or other busy places with lots of people
- If you think that you are being followed, go into a shop or find a place that is busy with lots of people
- Never play in dark or lonely places
- Stay with your group of friends - never wonder off on your own

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- Never agree to do a job for someone you don't know in return for money - they may be trying to trick you
- Make sure your parents know where you are going and when you will be back. If your plans change be sure to tell your parents

Further information will be available on the school website regarding Stranger Danger.

Thank you for your support in this matter,

Kind regards

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