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Dear Parents/Carers,

Sadly I have to inform you that there was an incident yesterday in which three of our children were put at risk by a stranger whilst walking home from school. Thankfully the children involved went to a nearby shop and called parents. Police are involved.

We ourselves had a visit from our local PCSO Team to reassure the children about their safety today. We would ask that as we have spoken to all of the children today about stranger danger and whilst we do not want to frighten the children it is important we teach them how to look after themselves. Advice is as follows, please try not to make your children scared, but just check with them that they know how to help keep themselves safe:-

- Don't talk to strangers or take anything from them. (This is also relevant to children who are gaming online)
- Don't go anywhere with someone you don't know, or anyone you are uncomfortable with.
- Stay more than an arm's reach from strangers. If you are approached by a stranger, seek help immediately.
- Trust your instincts, if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- Use the buddy system, avoid walking anywhere alone.
- Review contact telephone numbers and home safety practices.
- When seeking help, always go to a trusted adult – teacher, coach, police officer, other parent, or older siblings.
- Draw attention to the situation by shouting out loud- I don't know you – you are a stranger

Kind regards

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