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Dear Parents and Carers,

We do not wish to cause alarm, but feel it necessary to inform you that we have been made aware of two recent incidents where children were approached by an unknown male adult and asked to get into a car. These incidents were not in the immediate vicinity and on both occasions the children were able to get away from the situation safely, however we wanted you to be aware so that you and your children can be vigilant at all times. Furthermore, if your child experiences a situation where they feel threatened, please do encourage them to talk about it to you or another responsible adult and, if you feel it is appropriate, please let the school and relevant authorities such as the police know about it.

More generally, and particularly as the evenings draw in, we would like to encourage you to discuss with your child being 'streetwise' when they are out and about, on their own or with friends. This might include:

- Remembering to be alert to road traffic when walking from one place to another or crossing the road, even at zebra and pedestrian crossings, and not to allow themselves to be distracted from sensible behaviour if they are with friends.
- If your child has a mobile phone, other handheld electronic device or item of value, ensuring that they do not use it or have it visible while walking down the street and keeping it safely in their bag (rather than an outside pocket), to reduce the risk of becoming a target for thieves.

- Reinforcing the importance of going straight from one place to another, such as from school to home, and taking a pre-agreed route so that you know where your child is at all times.

In school, children will have PSHE sessions based around how they can stay safe when out and about.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any concerns about this matter.

Kind regards

*The Headship Team*