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Dear Parent/Carer,

Schools occasionally receive reports about Stranger Danger. This is where suspicious behaviour by a member of the public is reported to us by students, parents or staff. When we receive these reports, we inform the Police, the Local Authority and our students and staff, so that they can remain vigilant. The Local Authority also inform the School about incidents reported by other schools.

Last Friday, after school, two year 7 students reported suspicious behaviour on Attleborough Road. The students reported this to their parents who contacted the Police.

I am aware that the local media have reported Friday's incident, which has caused some understandable anxiety to parents/carers. I would like to reassure you that this incident did not happen anywhere near to the School and the Police have not informed us that our students are in any danger in walking to and from school.

Whenever we have a Stranger Danger incident, we give reminders to students about remaining safe when walking to and from school. We give out the following message:

'We would like to remind you of the importance of being careful when you are out. If you walk to and from school, try to walk with friends in a group and never go anywhere with someone you don't know.'

Remember:

- *Try to avoid walking/cycling alone – especially after dark.*
- *Be aware of people around you.*
- *Stay to well-lit roads or main paths.*
- *If you feel uncomfortable and you are able to, go to the home of a friend if nearby and ask for help or to a local shop and tell them you are worried.*
- *Do not be tricked into invitations to accompany someone you do not know, sit in someone's car or go to their house. Seek help immediately if anyone does this.*
- *If someone did try to grab you it is ok to break all the rules of politeness to others e.g. scream, kick, punch, bite etc to draw attention and alert others to the fact that you are in danger.*
- *Please also remember that sometimes a stranger can be the only person who can help us and is a far safer option than not talking to anyone; if you feel uncomfortable in any situation go to the nearest public building, for example a shop, or a public place. Whilst it is important we remain vigilant it is equally important to remember that not ALL strangers are "bad".*
- *Tell an adult straight away if you have any concerns.*

Thank you and keep safe'.

The School will inform parents/carers of any future incidents.

Yours sincerely,

P. Kelly
Headteacher

(KL-LE) Letter to parents re Stranger Danger Reports - Oct 2018