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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to make families aware of recent concerns relating to personal safety within the local community. As a result, we believe it is important that students take extra care when travelling to and from school and when spending time out of the home. As a result, we will be reminding students in school about sensible precautions they can take to help keep themselves safe when travelling to and from school and when spending time with friends outside of school hours.

We would be grateful if you could reinforce these messages at home by discussing the following with your child:

- Be aware of your surroundings and avoid distractions such as mobile phones when walking in public places. Please also take the time to review our Mobile Devices Policy for clarification of our expectations within school.
- Travel with friends where possible, particularly during darker evenings.
- Stick to well-lit, busy routes and avoid isolated areas.
- Let a parent, carer, or trusted adult know where you are going and what time you expect to return.
- If you feel unsafe or worried, move towards a busy public place and seek help from a trusted adult or shop. If feasible, return to school.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of money or displaying expensive personal belongings unnecessarily, including coats.
- If you are approached in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable, trust your instincts, leave the situation, and seek help from a trusted adult or appropriate authority. Equally, if you notice something happening nearby that makes you feel unsafe or concerned, do not remain in the area. Move to a place where you feel safe and follow the same steps by seeking support and assistance as soon as possible.
- In an emergency, call 999. If there is a concern that is not an emergency, report it to a trusted adult as soon as possible.

Students should also be reminded that their safety is always more important than any personal possessions. If they are ever confronted or feel threatened, they should prioritise getting to a safe place and seeking help immediately.

We will continue to reinforce these messages in school through assemblies, pastoral work, and conversations with students. We would encourage all families to take a few minutes to discuss personal safety with their children so that they feel confident about how to respond if they ever find themselves in a difficult situation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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