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A L.E.A.D. Academy



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Dear Parents and Carers

We are writing to you to make you aware of an incident that occurred in Muirfield Park around 8.30am this morning. The incident involved a male hiding in bushes in the park prior to the school gates opening. The children involved in the incident are safe and acted in an extremely mature and sensible manner, and were provided with support by a parent within the school community. We are very thankful to the parent for the help and care they provided.

As a result of the incident, we are asking parents and carers to be extra vigilant in regards to the supervision of children outside of school. In recent weeks, there has been an increase in children playing in the park both before and after school which is unsupervised. We **strongly** recommend that this does not happen unless your child is supervised by an adult. This is to ensure your child's safety at all times.

We will be speaking to the children about safety outside of school and the importance of 'stranger danger', to ensure that the children are aware of how to keep themselves safe.

As parents/carers, we are asking for you to:

- Speak to your children about how they keep safe in the local area.
- Consider whether your child can be supervised to and from school by a trusted adult, if they walk to and from school. It may be that another family walk a similar route to school and can ensure that your child is supervised, if you are not able to do this.
- If your child walks to and/or from school on their own, speak to them about walking directly to the destination and setting a time for your child to be home, as well as using busy, well-lit roads.
- If your child carries a mobile phone when walking to and from school, that they understand how to contact emergency services, in the event of an emergency, or the event they feel unsafe.
- Support your child in knowing the local area and where 'safe spaces' they can go to can be found. This may be a friend's house or a neighbour.
- If you have any concerns regarding safety outside of school, that the police are contacted directly to report your concerns.
- Report any concerns that you or your child have to school.

We have also attached a useful parent guide to this letter that can be used as a prompt to speak to your child about.

If you have any concerns, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Salam
Head of School



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Back To School - Child Safety Tips

*You can't always be near your child.
How do you make sure they are safe?
Teach your children:*



STRANGER DANGER

01 What do you mean by strangers?

'Pretty' strangers can be as dangerous as scary-looking strangers.

03 Possible dangerous situations, eg:



A stranger claims to be a friend of your parents and offers you a ride home from school.

Children should not approach or follow strangers



A nice looking stranger approaches you and asks for help/directions.

Good grownups don't ask kids for help. They go to other adults for assistance

02 Who can they go to when they need help?



Teachers



Policemen



Neighbours

04 What to teach your child:

Always be accompanied by someone they can trust.



Know the home address and mummy's and daddy's phone numbers.



Scream or shout "NO" when they are in a dangerous situation.



Talk with mummy/daddy about their day and not keep secrets from them.

