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Ref: Reports to police

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Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have become aware of some reports in our local community about an unknown male who has been seen acting suspiciously around the village and the estate where the school is situated.

Following concerns shared on social media, the school contacted the police to seek further guidance and clarification. The police are aware of the reported incidents and are monitoring and responding to the situation but do not have any further information to add at this time.

The police visited school yesterday, as part of one of their local patrols in the area. The community police officers have increased their local patrols and visibility around the village particularly at the end of the school day and in the evening. We hope that this will reassure the community.

If you have any first hand evidence i.e. you witness something of concern yourself please contact the police on 101 and report the incident, however small your concern may appear. If you are concerned for someone's immediate safety please contact the police on 999. Please do not pass on information that you have heard from someone else as there is a possibility that facts can become distorted, instead please encourage them to contact the police directly.

I would like to reassure you that we have not had any cause for concern on or around the school site or witnessed anyone acting suspiciously in the vicinity of the school during the school day. We would report such information immediately if this was the case. Please be reassured that our safeguarding procedures in school are extremely robust. We have a secure site, CCTV and our staff are always vigilant. We have a clear lockdown procedure should we need it.

We will be reminding children again, in an age appropriate way, about how we keep them safe in school and how they can be safe out of school. We have arranged for a community police officer to talk to the children in a collective worship about keeping safe. It is important that we have conversations with children about keeping safe, whilst being mindful of not causing any unnecessary alarm.

Thank you for helping to keep our community safe. If you have any concerns please contact the police in the first instance. If you witness anything of concern regarding the school please let us know by contacting the school office.

We will update you if we receive any further information from the police.

Yours faithfully,
Sarah Boyle
Headteacher

