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Dear parents, carers and students,

Safe Travel Advice to Parents, Carers and Students

We would like to take this opportunity to remind our students of some personal safety advice. We ask that you discuss this with your children and ensure they understand how to travel safely.

When travelling to and from school, students are advised to:

- Share your travel plan with friends and family.
- Spread valuables around your person (i.e. keep your phone secured in a bag, your house keys in a pocket and your money in a jacket).
- If possible, avoid travelling alone – walk with a group of friends to and from the bus stops and station.
- Stick to well-lit and busy areas, particularly after dark and avoid shortcuts through isolated areas.
- Consider arranging pick-ups and drop offs with friends or parents if you are travelling alone or booking a licensed taxi for your journeys if travelling after dark.
- Look and act as confidently as you can - like you know where you are going.
- Be alert to what is going on around you. For example, do not use your phone while walking and do not listen to music through headphones.
- If approached by a stranger, do not go with them, walk in the opposite direction if they are in a car. Keep to busy well-lit streets if possible.
- If you need help, head towards a busy area or go into a shop and tell someone. Use your phone to contact a parent, or if an emergency phone 999.

For your safety, avoid a confrontation as it could put you in greater danger. Report the incident to the Police on 101 and let your parents or carers and the school know what has happened.

Yours sincerely,



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