

19<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Families,

It has come to my attention, and you may have seen it in the Manchester Evening News, that at the end of last week, an incident occurred in which a stranger approached a child as she walked to another local school. The stranger was walking and it is not known whether they had a car nearby. The matter was reported to the police immediately and the child was able to give a good description. The police informed the school that a similar incident occurred near the Sainsbury's by the Heaton Park roundabout, the day before. The police suspect that the two incidents are connected, given the short distance between them and the fact that both girls gave a similar description of the man in question. As of yet, the police have not located this man.

Therefore, please take extra precautions to remind your children of Stranger Danger and the importance of being vigilant when on the streets without an adult.

Some simple reminders to keep all children safe are:

- Never let them walk anywhere alone
- Remind them never to speak to any strangers or to go anywhere with a stranger
- Always stay near main roads and to not take isolated short cuts

We understand that this information will be worrying for families and we ask that you do everything you can to reassure your child and to remind them of basic safety measures, as we have done in school today. For older children, you may want to review how they get to and from school, if they currently walk alone. If the police provide us with any further information, then we will pass this onto you. Equally, if you have any information that will support the police, then please contact them immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Farnell-Hill  
Headteacher