

5th December, 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stranger Danger

We have been notified by West Midlands Police of an attempt to abduct a child from the Handsworth Wood/Lozells area of Birmingham which occurred on 4 December 2024.

Events like these remind us of the importance of ensuring children are aware of *"stranger danger,"* especially when walking to and from school unaccompanied.

We address this in school as part of our safeguarding measures, and today, teachers are reminding children of the basic rules to stay safe:

- Never talk to strangers
- Always ignore strangers who ask questions or tell you to do something
- Avoid walking alone whenever possible
- Speak only to trusted adults if you are concerned about anything

As parents and carers, we know you want to stay informed. We also advise you to discuss these safety rules with your children, especially if they travel to and from school unaccompanied.

Thank you for your support. If you see anything suspicious in the local area, please contact the police and the school.

West Midlands Police can be contacted via Live Chat at <u>West Midlands Police</u> between 8am and midnight or by calling 101.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Young Head of School

