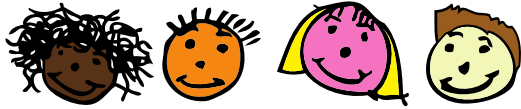


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Dear Parents,

You may be aware that last Friday afternoon, two of our Year 6 children, whilst walking home, were approached by a man who verbally threatened them and stole a mobile phone. Whilst neither of the pupils were hurt, they were both shaken by the incident.

Naturally, this incident has made our community nervous and anxious. Today class teachers have spoken to classes in Years 4-6 to reassure them and give them the opportunity to talk about the ways they can keep themselves safe outside of school and if they feel in danger. You may also wish to talk to your children about this, especially if your child walks to school or home on their own. You can refer to some tips which we added in one of our [past newsletters](#) in the 'Keeping Children Safe' section.

The incident is now an ongoing Police investigation, and as such, they have asked us not to comment further. Members of our senior team will be on duty outside the school gates for the rest of this week and we have requested for a higher police presence in the local area.

Finally, we have arranged for a member of the Safer School Officers Team to visit the school tomorrow afternoon to speak to the Year 5 and 6 on how to keep safe outside of school. This will give our children the opportunity to ask any further questions they may have. If something comes up and they are unable to attend, we will arrange another date at their earliest convenience.

Thanking you for your support.

With my best wishes to you and your family,

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