

16<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Safeguarding Concern – Suspicious Adult**

We have had reported two instances of a male driver of a car trying to communicate with female students exiting our school at the end of the day and walking along the roads. This matter has been reported to the police and we, the school, are also taking very seriously.

This behaviour is clearly very unsettling. We have given the following advice to all students and we would like you to discuss this with your child/ren at your earliest opportunity to help maintain safety at all times:

*If you are approached by anyone unknown in a car or on foot please do not engage with them in a conversation. If at any point you feel unsafe try one of the following actions:*

- *Cross the road (safely) to get away from direct connection with them.*
- *Call a family member or friend and keep them on the line until you feel the danger has passed.*
- *If possible go into a shop or other safe public area where adults are present.*
- *If you feel safe enough, call their behaviour out, for example: "I don't want to talk to you. You are making me feel unsafe."*

*If any interaction does take place, please do report it to your parents, school and the police. If you can give these adults as much information about the person or any vehicle, that is helpful. People are often encouraged to take photos. Only do this if it is safe and not going to inflame the situation.*

Your child's safety is our number one priority, so please report any encounters to the police and let the school know. We will increase the number of staff on duty at the front of school further out into the road than our front gate.

Thank you for your time and support in this matter.

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