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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Keeping Children Safe in the Community

Having spoken to a number of parents over the past few weeks I know there is anxiety regarding some of the incidents of crime in the local area that have made the national press recently.

I am writing to reassure you of the work the school does working with the police and other agencies to ensure any information we receive is passed on to the appropriate agency. As some of you know Raine's has a school police liaison officer, PC Gemma Carey who is our first point of contact to pass information to or deal with incidents that have occurred both in school and outside. Depending on the nature of the incident referrals can be made by the police or school to Social Services.

The following are some of the strategies students and young people can do to keep themselves safe in the community. Please discuss these with your child.

- Walk with a friend/adult when possible.
- Stay alert and keep head phones off so they can hear what's going on
- If approached by a stranger outside of school come back in to school immediately and tell a member of staff.
- If your child thinks someone is following them, they should cross the road or go to a place with lots of people around, like a bus stop or shop.
- If someone tries to take something from your child, tell them never to fight and not to be confrontational.
- Keep mobile phones and other valuables out of sight.
- Don't let your child carry weapons because they are more likely to be used against them, and it's illegal.
- Encourage your child to speak up if they are worried about anything.

Finally, if you have concerns regarding incidents that occur in the community contact the school and ask to speak to your child's Head of Learning, PC Gemma Carey, a member of the senior team or myself.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Hullett
Headteacher

