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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Earlier today, we were advised by a student of the school, that he had been approached by an unknown male person when the student was on his way to school. Upon receipt of this information, we immediately contacted the police, who attended shortly thereafter. The police are conducting an investigation into the matter. The student's parents were notified immediately and he has been supported by staff and his friends at school. We will be monitoring this situation closely.

Please be assured, that the safety of our children is always our most important concern and we do, and will continue to, speak with them on a regular basis regarding keeping themselves safe.

We encourage you, as parents and whanau, and the local community as a whole, to please ensure that your children do not walk alone to school and to be vigilant and keep an eye out for any suspicious behaviour or person(s) in the area. Please report this to the police and the school in the first instance.

Should any situation occur like this in future, where a child is approached, we will be advising our children to do the following:

Make a lot of noise, yelling, screaming to get attention of anyone surrounding

- Run to a safe place
- Don't walk alone to school
- Use a code word if someone else is to pick up your child(ren) ie only a word that you and your child know that can be used as confirmation that they have your permission to collect the child
- Report anything that they are concerned with, to the school and police.

We thank you for your ongoing support of our school and would appreciate your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely

Raj Dullabh
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL