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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

I have been contacted by the metropolitan police with regards to a series of sexual assaults that have occurred recently across the boroughs of Lewisham and Greenwich.

There have been a number of offences, which have been linked due to the similar description of the suspect and the method used in the offence. The suspect is approaching females; the majority are aged between 11 and 14 years, and sexually assaulting them by touching them.

The Metropolitan Police have said that there is no cause for alarm but parents and children should be aware and vigilant when walking to and from schools.

The advice given is as follows:

- Try not to walk alone – find a friend to walk with
- Do not walk down a lane or unlit road that isn't busy with traffic or pedestrians for a short cut. Take a longer route which is safer
- Run, yell and tell. If they are approached by someone and don't feel safe start to run, yell loudly at the same time and head towards where there are people e.g. shops
- Safe places include shops, schools, libraries, restaurants, take away shops, stations, bus stops where people are waiting
- Speak to an adult they know, if they have concerns about their safety
- Do not walk around with their headphones in and phone out on display
- 999 is the number to call to reach the Police in an emergency

Please take some time to talk through this advice with your child if appropriate. This is particularly important for the children who walk home alone or who play out without an adult to supervise them.

Yours sincerely

Paul Hooper
Head Teacher



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