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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Student Travel Safety & Community Awareness

I hope you and your family are having a restful half-term break.

As we prepare for the start of the new term, I am writing to share an important update regarding student safety during the school commute, and to remind our school community of the practical steps we can all take to help keep our young people safe.

Recently, we have been made aware of a small number of incidents in the local community involving students being approached by unknown individuals while travelling to and from school. The police have been informed of these incidents, and active investigations are underway.

While we hope these remain isolated occurrences, we treat any concern regarding student safety with the utmost priority and urgency. We are taking proactive steps for the new term to help ensure our students feel safe, confident, and supported on their route to and from school

We have contacted the local police and requested an increased police presence along main commuting routes at the start and end of the school day.

Members of our Senior Leadership Team (SLT) already carry out regular community walks and patrols around local routes at the end of the school day, and we will maintain this high visibility alongside our presence at school gates and exit points.

During the first week back, we will remind students during form time and assemblies about standard travel safety precautions.

We would be grateful if you could take a moment before the start of term to review general personal safety advice with your child:

Encourage your child to walk to and from school with friends or classmates whenever possible.

Advise your child to stick to main, well-populated roads and avoid shortcuts through quiet or unlit areas.

Remind your child to keep mobile phones, earphones, and other valuable items stored safely out of sight inside their bags while walking.

Ensure your child knows that if they ever feel unsafe or threatened, they should immediately go into a local shop or public building, call 999 in an emergency, or inform a trusted adult or school staff member as soon as possible.

We remain fully committed to working alongside local authorities and our school community to protect our students. Thank you for your continued support, cooperation, and vigilance.

Ms Evans

Interim Headteacher