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Dear parents and carers,

Re: Stranger Danger

As the nights are getting lighter and the days warmer and drier, children will start to be outside more again. It is therefore a good time of the year to remind children about how to keep themselves safe.

Whilst the risk posed by strangers is rare, it's really important to make children aware of simple tips they can follow to keep themselves a little safer.

We would advise you to talk to your child about who their safe adults are and where there are safe places near you if help is needed. It's also important to think about safety on the internet and use of mobile phone apps and games that have 'chat' functions as this can be just as dangerous as a stranger in the street.

It is a good idea to explore with your children who they think a stranger is. Emphasise that anyone that they don't know is a stranger even if they look nice, are dressed smartly, have a nice car, are male or female, are old or young.

Things to say

Staying safe – Pay attention to what people do. Tell a trusted adult (parent or carer) right away if anyone asks you to keep a secret, makes you feel uncomfortable, or tries to get you to go with them.

Going somewhere with someone – It's important for you to ask your parents / carers and get permission before going anywhere with anyone.

If you have a problem – Don't approach just anyone – if you need help, look for a uniformed police officer, a person working in a shop with a nametag, or a parent with children.

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Taking things from someone – Never accept gifts or money from adults or older children you don't know well, someone who is part of your family.

Things to avoid saying

- “You can tell someone is bad just by looking at them.”
- “Stay away from people you don't know.”
- “Never talk to strangers.”

This video on Stranger Danger is designed to highlight a few key points, to be used to help you have that important conversation with your child. It is aimed at children aged 4 - 11 years. For parents, carers, families to use to raise awareness and generate discussion that helps children keep safe.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H95m0v2sIMY>

Please contact the FLO Team if you have any concerns or questions via the school office email address.

Kind regards,

Mrs Skinner

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