

High View Primary School

Opportunities to Thrive



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to make you aware of a concerning incident that occurred this morning involving three Year 6 High View pupils who were walking to school independently.

As the children were leaving their home, a food delivery van was parked nearby. The children report that the driver spoke to them and asked if they wanted to get into the van. The children reported that the request was repeated before the driver said "never mind". The children then continued towards school and contacted their parents immediately.

One of the parents was able to capture footage of the vehicle and driver, including the vehicle registration details, and this information has been retained. The family has been advised to report the incident to the police.

The children did exactly the right thing by not getting into the vehicle, moving away and contacting a trusted adult. We have also spoken with them about what they could do if they were ever approached in a similar situation, including returning home if they are close to home or seeking help from another trusted adult.

Although the incident happened away from the school site and no harm was caused, I felt it was important to make families aware and to remind everyone about the importance of stranger safety. This is particularly important for children who walk independently to and from school or spend time in the community without an adult.

Please take a few minutes to remind your child:

- Never get into a vehicle with someone they do not know, even if the person appears friendly or says they are there to help.
- Never accept an invitation, lift, gift or request from a stranger.
- If someone makes them feel uncomfortable or asks them to go somewhere, they should move away quickly.
- If they are near home, they should return home and tell a parent or trusted adult.
- If they are away from home, they should find a trusted adult, such as a police officer, member of staff or another adult with children.
- Always tell a trusted adult what has happened, even if they are unsure whether it was important.

We will revisit stranger safety guidance with pupils in school and reinforce the importance of staying alert and knowing what to do if approached by someone they do not know.



Incidents of this nature are rare; however, we must not become complacent. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children safe both in school and within our local community.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R Claxton', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mr R Claxton
Headteacher