



Yardley Wood Community Primary School
"Learning Through Life"

5th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been informed by West Midlands Police about an attempted abduction of a primary school aged pupil in the Lozells / Handsworth Wood area of Birmingham yesterday morning.

Whilst events like these are rare, they remind us of the importance of ensuring children are aware of ***"stranger danger,"*** especially when walking to and from school unaccompanied. We address this in school as part of our safeguarding measures, and today, teachers are reminding children of the basic rules to stay safe:

- Never talk to strangers
- Always ignore strangers who ask questions or tell you to do something
- Avoid walking alone whenever possible
- Speak only to trusted adults if you are concerned about anything

As parents and carers, we know you want to stay informed. Should a similar situation arise in our area, we will keep you informed. We also advise you to discuss these safety rules with your children, particularly for older children who walk to and from school on their own.

Thank you for your support. If you see anything suspicious in the local area, please contact the police and the school. West Midlands Police can be contacted via Live Chat at [West Midlands Police](#) between 8am and midnight or by calling 101.

Yours faithfully

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