Stranger Safety

Parents and Caregivers are reminded of the importance of talking to your children about Stranger Safety. We are bringing this to your attention as we have today received an unconfirmed report of one of our students having been approached by someone they did not know, in a car, whilst walking to their morning bus stop.

Student safety on the way to and from school is very important and we ask all families to take a little time to discuss how to handle potentially dangerous situations, such as being approached by someone unknown in a car.

One way is to teach children “No, Go, Yell, Tell.” If in a dangerous situation, children should say no, run away, yell as loud as they can, and tell a trusted adult what happened right away. Make sure that your children know that it is okay to say no to an adult in a dangerous situation and to yell to keep themselves safe, even if they are indoors. It’s good to practice this in different situations so that your children will feel confident in knowing what to do.

In addition to teaching children how to recognise and handle dangerous situations and strangers, there are a few more things parents can do to help their children stay safe and avoid dangerous situations.

- **Know where your children are at all times.** Make it a rule that your children must ask permission or check in with you before going anywhere. Give your children your work and cell phone numbers so they can reach you at all times.

- **Point out safe places.** Show your children safe places to play, safe roads and paths to take, and safe places to go if there’s trouble.

- **Teach children to trust their instincts.** Explain that if they ever feel scared or uncomfortable, they should get away as fast as they can and tell an adult. Tell them that sometimes adults they know may make them feel uncomfortable, and they should still get away as fast as possible and tell another adult what happened. Reassure children that you will help them when they need it.

- **Teach your children to be assertive.** Make sure they know that it’s okay to say no to an adult and to run away from adults in dangerous situations.

- **Encourage your children to play with others.** There’s safety in numbers!

The safety of our students is of utmost importance and we appreciate your support.

Regards

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