

**street  
sense!**

**For parents and carers...**

We have sent this leaflet home today to remind all pupils and parents about being safe on the journey to and from school, and at other times.

Sometimes, schools get information about incidents which may have happened locally and when that happens, we feel it is important to remind everyone to be extra vigilant. We are aware of an incident near our school. The police were informed and are investigating, but are not overly concerned.

We are often not able to share exact details of an incident either because we do not know them, or they are uncertain. It would also be irresponsible to share information which might cause panic.

In most cases of this type, the police are often already investigating what has happened and we must follow any advice given by them.

**The most effective response in such circumstances is to avoid panic and hearsay, and for adults and children to remain calm, assume that their journey to and from school will be just as safe as usual, but to be alert to anything out of the ordinary.**

The other side of this leaflet has sensible, straightforward **Street Sense** advice for children, which it's important for them to know and act upon.



**Portswood**  
Primary School

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## Advice for You and Me...



How do I stay safe on the way to and from school?

Walk with an adult you know, or with your friends. If you have to walk on your own, try to walk near people you know. Go straight home or straight to school.

What if I see strangers on the way to or from school?

A stranger is just someone you do not know. Most people are nice and helpful, **but some are not** so do not talk to strangers or walk towards them.

What if a stranger talks to me or comes closer?

Look around for people you know and shout to get their attention. **Do not** talk to the stranger, **do not** take anything from them and **do not** go near their car.

What if I am frightened by a stranger?

If you are scared by what someone says or does, even if you know them...

**YELL, RUN, TELL!**

How will I remember what to do?

**Make sure you practise!**

**YELL...**

A loud word like **NO!** or **STOP!**

**RUN...**

Towards friends, or shops or somewhere busy!

**TELL...**

Your parents, or a teacher or the police.