



# CHELLASTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The school have been informed that there have been reports of a man following children in the Chellaston area. Incidents reported have included One Stop, Tesco, and some of the parks on the Bonnie Prince Estate. The man is described as Asian, aged approximately mid-20s, around 6ft tall and has been seen wearing black tracksuit bottoms and a black hooded top or green army jacket.

I have spoken to all the children in assembly today to stress the importance of staying safe.

We recognise that children might feel a sense of anxiety or worry, but we are sure you will agree that it is a very important message. We have reassured the children that incidents like this are rare and that the police are investigating the matter further. During the assembly we covered the following advice if a child is allowed to play out after school or at the weekends:

- Always ensure that an adult has given you permission to go out and they know who you are with and where you are going.
- Always return home at the agreed time.
- Always stay with your friends and do not walk around on your own
- If you have a phone, keep it with you.
- If you feel unsafe at any point, go to the nearest safe place (e.g., home, a shop or school, whichever is nearest).
- If you are being followed, phone the police immediately.
- If you are approached by a stranger, "The Big Three Rules" are:
  1. Say 'No' loudly
  2. Run Away
  3. Tell a Safe Adult

In the light of recent information and with the dark evenings coming, it is a good time to review the end of day routines to keep children safe. The following routine will be in place from **Monday 6 November**:

- We expect that children in Year 3 or 4 should be collected by an adult or older sibling.
- If a child is to be collected by an older sibling, they need to be of secondary school age.
- If parents give permission for their child in Year 5 or 6 to walk some, or all, of the way home with friends, (without an adult) then we ask that you make a note in their home-school diary to confirm this.



- At the end of after school clubs or after school activities, we ask that all children are collected by an adult, rather than walk home on their own.
- We ask that any adult/older sibling collecting a child at the end of school is visible to the child from the school playground.
- If a child does not see the adult who is due to collect them at the end of school, we ask all children to wait in the “Target Area” on the playground, where staff are there to supervise them.
- If any child in Y5 or 6 is worried about their safety on the way to school or the way home after school, they can always come to the school office where staff can support them.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Emery  
Headteacher