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'Working together to safeguard children'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to update you on the current investigations into recent sexual offences that are being investigated by the Police in Lewisham and Greenwich. The Metropolitan Police Service are continuing to investigate up to 25 sexual assaults which have been geographically focused on Lewisham and Greenwich, however some have also occurred in Bexley, Southwark and Bromley.

There was a new attack last week in Honor Oak which has only been brought to our attention today, but this did not involve any sexual touching. This occurred at 7.30am. Due to the nature of these crimes officers investigating them are conducting very detailed, sensitive and painstaking enquiries to maximise the prospects of identifying the suspect responsible. A dedicated investigation team has been established for this purpose.

It is important to emphasise that the victims are often, but not exclusively, school children aged in their early teens but have also included adult females. The majority of offences have occurred between 7.00am to 9am and 4pm to 6pm; additional policing patrols have been put in place focused on key locations.

An incident room has been established: anyone with information should contact police on 0208 284 8346.

The safety advice for young people remains the same and so please ensure that you talk to the child about this in an age appropriate way. This overall advice is to be vigilant not alarmed:-

- Do not walk alone – find a friend to walk with.
- Do not walk down a lane or unlit road that is not busy with traffic or pedestrians for a short cut. Take a longer route which is safer.
- Run, yell and tell. If they are approached by someone and do not feel safe start to run, yell loudly at the same time and head towards where there are people e.g. shops.
- Safe places include shops, schools, libraries, restaurants, take away shops, stations, bus stops where people are waiting.
- Speak to an adult they know, if they have concerns about their safety.
- Do not walk around with their headphones in and your phone out on display
- Call police on 999 immediately!

In light of the most recent attack, it is also important to advise your child NOT to walk down side roads, and obviously this is difficult if you do not live on a main road. I would, therefore, suggest that you may need to re-evaluate your decision if you allow your child to walk to and from school, this term.

I will keep you informed of any further updates, and I am sure you will also find information in the local media.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Nichol
Headteacher

