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Dear Parents,

We would like to inform you that yesterday afternoon at 4.30pm three of our key stage 2 girls were shouted at to get into a car by two men in their 20s or 30s along Cambridge road. The girls dealt with the situation excellently, telling them 'no' in a firm way and then immediately going home. The details of the vehicle are a small blue hatchback with the initial registration letters of SE. Today we have stressed safety issues with strangers with all the children in an age-appropriate manner and feel sure that you will reinforce this message from home. If any of you witness similar incidents happening in the area please contact the school and the police with details. The police were informed last night and will be taking appropriate action. We have also made the County Education Office aware of the incident.

On a not unrelated matter we have started work erecting the new sections of perimeter fencing around areas of the school. This fencing will replace all three of the gates onto the field, replace the gate onto Cambridge road, enclose the school property along Cambridge road from the school gym and enclose the playground area from the car park with a gated entrance. This solution provides safe and secure grounds during the school day without detracting from the front aspect of the school, which we hope remains feeling open and welcoming. Additional benefits will be the increased security of your children during the school day, the protection of school property from vandalism, the opportunity to further develop the outside areas of the school and make safe the new school pond.

As soon as the fencing is complete there will be 5 gated entrances to the school playground and field. All of these except the gate in the top corner of the field will be open from 3pm for parents to collect their children in the usual way. These gates will remain locked at all other times during the school day, so the only access onto the school site will be via the school office. Parents collecting or taking their younger children to the Pre-school in the middle of the day will need to use the side gate by the play park on Egremont Road. We have still had a number of adults accessing our playground during lunchtime to collect or deliver their children, although we have requested that access is only by the play park gate, so we will now be certain that no adults other than school staff will be on the playground and field at lunchtimes, or at any other time of the working school day.

Thank you for your support in both these matters. We have also sent this out on the electronic mailing list, but have sent paper copies home with every child as well to try and ensure all parents receive this letter by one means or both!

Mr Matthews and Mrs French