



IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS

We are writing to ask all parents and carers to talk to their children about **Stranger Danger**. We will also be reinforcing the message to the children in school.

Whilst incidents involving children may be rare, they are every parent/carer's worst nightmare. Making sure children are aware of the dangers that strangers can present without scaring them is a fine balancing act. If children are to spend any time at all out of sight, teaching them about Stranger Danger may give some peace of mind.

Teaching Children about Stranger Danger

Basic Stranger Danger rules include:

- Never accept gifts or sweets from a stranger;
- Never get in a car with a stranger;
- Never go anywhere with a stranger;
- Never go off on your own without telling your parents or a trusted adult.

Safe People and Places

Stranger Danger is not just about teaching children who or what to avoid but also includes positive rules so that children know how to keep themselves safe.

For example:

- Knowing who they can trust if they need help - such as a uniformed police officer or a teacher;
- Having the confidence to trust their instincts if they have a bad feeling about a place or person;
- Being aware of their surroundings;
- Learning to be assertive;
- Knowing that they should tell a trusted adult if they have been approached by a stranger.

We are working closely with our local police. If you or your child have any concerns or see any suspicious behaviour, please contact the police on their non-emergency number 101