

## Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School



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RE: The events after school on 1<sup>st</sup> December

Dear Parents

I am writing to update you on the events on the playground after school on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

I can confirm that the man who we reported as a stranger is a parent whose children are new to the school. He was attempting to find his child's class and was unsure of where to go. I have met with this dad and assured him that he has done nothing wrong.

You will see that in response to the incident I have asked all adults to be vigilant and to keep their children with them. In our Arrival and Collection policy, which was included in last week's newsletter, you will see that our arrangements for handing children over at the end of the day are robust and safe.

I am still concerned about the safety of children who have already been collected – hence my plea that parents and adults keep their children with them. Please don't let them wander or play among the cars in the car park.

I take the safety of the children with the utmost concern and in response I have initiated a number of measures:

- We are expecting visits from officers from the local police force to be a presence on the playground at any time. All teachers have spoken to the children about what they need to do to keep safe and all staff are aware of our procedures.
- We will be embarking on the NSPCC's PANTS campaign when it launches in Hounslow in the new year.
- We recently had staff from the local safeguarding board on the playground who spoke to parents at drop off time. All of the resources from that visit are on our website: [www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/helping-at-home/internet-and-e-safety.html](http://www.smi.hounslow.sch.uk/helping-at-home/internet-and-e-safety.html).
- Our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/StMarysI](http://www.facebook.com/StMarysI)) is regularly updated with all of the above information and we send texts out to parents too.

Of course, I am happy to consider any suggestions you may have so please come in to see me with them.

Yours sincerely

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*With Christ in our hearts we grow in love to help others.*