



# Hordle CE (VA) Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **STRANGER DANGER**

Further to a report from a parent yesterday, I ask that you all take a moment to revise stranger danger rules with your children at home. We will also be discussing this in school but the fine detail of keeping safe is something that families are best placed to deliver.

It is very important not to scare children and it is wholly appropriate that they should begin to learn how to be independent at a level appropriate to their age and ability. However, any child who is deemed old enough to be out of the house alone should also be properly equipped with the understanding of how to manage the associated risks.

You may wish to discuss some of the following areas depending on the age and level of independence that your child currently has.

- a) Together, agree a route home that, as a parent, you believe to be safe e.g. avoiding enclosed alley ways.
- b) Discuss with your child what they should do if they feel unsafe on the way home e.g. are there friends' houses along the way that your child could go to?
- c) Where possible - contact other parents who live nearby to arrange walking partners so that your children rarely walk alone.
- d) Remind your child that a stranger is anyone they do not know. Not all strangers look strange.
- e) If you have to approach someone to ask for help, look for people in uniforms, lollipop man etc.
- f) Remember the **Yell, Run, Tell** rule - it's okay to run and scream if you find yourself in danger. Get away from the source of danger as fast as you can.
- g) Run towards busy places - if there is no one else to ask; find a parent with a baby in a pram and ask them to contact your parents\*. Do not agree to go anywhere with them...they are still a stranger.

*\*Help your child to learn as many contact details as possible (mum, dad, gran) - they are much safer once they have these memorised.*

For further tips and non-alarmist advice click here:

[http://www.itv.com/documents/pdf/STRANGER\\_DANGER\\_TOPTIPS\\_v4.pdf](http://www.itv.com/documents/pdf/STRANGER_DANGER_TOPTIPS_v4.pdf)

<http://www.netmums.com/lifestyle/house-and-home/essential-safety-for-kids/essential-safety-for-kids-stranger-danger>

This is also a great time to discuss general road safety:

<http://think.direct.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-primary/>

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to chat to any of the staff who will be happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

**Miss Louise Trim**  
**HEAD OF SCHOOL**

**'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10**



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