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## A place for learning, caring, sharing and growing together.

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Dear Parents,

This morning a parent has alerted me to an incident that happened after school yesterday. A man approached two Bridlewood children and tried to talk to them. They were sensible and tried to move away but he continued. They moved away more quickly so he started to talk, quite loudly to another mother and daughter. I know several other parents saw the tall man in a blue coat.

The incident was reported to the police, who I believe are following it up. I have contacted them today to ensure that it is followed up.

I have also asked all the teachers to remind the children what to do when a stranger approaches them; that is not to talk to them and if they feel uncomfortable to put up their hands and say loudly, "Stop! Leave me alone and go away."

We would be very grateful if you would be especially vigilant of your children walking home. It may be that this was an isolated incident of an individual behaving uncharacteristically, but your child's safety is our chief concern, so I felt I must alert you.

Thank you for your support with this matter. Please let me know if there are any more sightings of this individual bothering the children.

Yours sincerely

Ms J. Garton

