



# Cranborne Middle School

A Specialist School

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Dear Parent / Carer

## Suspicious Incident / Stranger Danger

I am writing to you in response to some concerns in the community regarding an incident involving a boy in Alderholt who, while pushing his bicycle, was approached by a man in a white van offering him a lift. The boy subsequently abandoned his bicycle and ran home.

I have been in communication with the police this morning who have confirmed that this incident has been investigated by them and that they have concluded at this time that no further action is necessary. Where the police do have child protection concerns regarding such incidents, please be rest assured that they would notify us immediately through the SCHOOL WATCH service which brings information directly into school which we then pass onto children and parents.

Unfortunately, as a result of numerous texts and Facebook comments, this incident has caused an unusually high level of distress among parents and now children. Whilst I fully understand that parents are quite rightly concerned for their child's welfare, as we are at school, it is important that actions are kept in perspective and that children are not unduly frightened. It is crucial that you reinforce the 'Stranger Danger' rules with your child and in particular, that you know where your child is when they are out playing and who they are with.

Should any more information come to light through the police and SCHOOL WATCH, I will be in contact with you again.

Yours sincerely

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