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Date : Thursday, 21st March 2019

To : Parents of students from Year One to Thirteen – IMPORTANT AWARENESS – STRANGER DANGER

Dear Parents,

Greetings from St. Mary's Catholic High School, Dubai. We are requesting all parents to please be aware that we have received information about two incidents that have occurred outside GEMS Winchester School which is in the close vicinity of our school.

Both incidents involved young girls from Year Six being invited into an unknown vehicle, one was a white Hiace van and the other a black car. They used information such as a Mum moving her car and parking around the corner and a Dad being taken ill and in hospital to try and lure the children into the vehicles. Both the girls were sensible enough to run away.

Kindly talk to your children about being vigilant around strangers asking questions or inviting them into cars. It might be helpful to work out a secret code with your child to verify if a message is genuine. We have also had a word with our staff and the security as well as the school staff who are the various gates to be alert for any strangers lurking nearby. Please advise your children especially those who are travelling alone on the metro.

Please reiterate these important safety measures with your child at home:

- DO NOT TALK TO STRANGERS OR TAKE ANYTHING FROM THEM.
- Never accept a ride from a stranger and do not go anywhere with someone they don't know.
- If a stranger approaches , seek help immediately from a known and trusted adult
- Avoid walking anywhere alone and walk to the metro station with friends.
- If a stranger grabs you, YELL AND SCREAM FOR HELP !!!!
- Let your parents know when you have left school and what time they can expect you home.
- Be aware and alert as you exit your school premises.

Let us all work together in keeping our children safe !!!

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Paul Asir Joseph
(Principal)

