



RISEDALE
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RISEDALE SCHOOL

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Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Sharing a Concern in the Community

We want to inform you of a concerning incident that has taken place in our local community around the area of Le Cateau Community Primary School. Some of you may already be aware of this as Mr Mottram, the Headteacher of Le Cateau, sent a letter to the parents of his pupils this weekend.

In the interest of community awareness and safety, we also wanted to share this information with the Risedale community. In summary, Mr Mottram's letter brought the following to our attention:

Over the weekend, posts on local Social Media platforms highlighted reports of an individual loitering in the vicinity of Le Cateau School and the wooded areas near the main car park. CCTV footage from the school site showed nothing untoward and Police are actively monitoring the situation.

In the interest of safety, we are asking that you speak with your children, especially those who arrive and depart school unaccompanied, and encourage everyone to;

Stay Vigilant: Please remain aware of your surroundings and report any suspicious activity to the school and authorities immediately.

Talk to Your Children: Discuss with your children the importance of being aware of their surroundings and encourage them to report anything unusual to a trusted adult.

Reinforce Safety Measures: Remind your children to walk in groups when possible and to avoid isolated areas, especially during early morning or late afternoon hours. Given the time of year, it is important that they stay in well-lit areas and avoid the local woods around the school.

Communicate with Us: If you have any concerns or if your child has experienced anything unsettling, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are here to support you and your family.

We will continue to work closely with local schools and authorities to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed. It is important to reiterate that there is no evidence of anything happening in the grounds of Le Cateau, Risedale or other local schools during the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation and vigilance in keeping our community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Greenwood
Headteacher

