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Dear Parents/Carers

In the light of some recently reported incidents about people dressing as clowns in the local area we would like to clarify our stance to hopefully alleviate any parental concerns about the safety of our students. We have made students aware during school by reminding them about what they need to do to keep themselves safe in the community.

All the secondary schools in the Garden City will continue to work closely with Hertfordshire Police. They have assured us that any details we have passed on to them will remain on their systems and that the local safer neighbourhood teams will continue to be vigilant in the local area. Parents/carers and students are advised to dial 101 to report any suspicious or concerning behaviour and to use 999 in the case of an emergency.

Please note, incidents of this nature are extremely rare therefore our intention is not to raise concern but to assure students, staff and parents/carers that safeguarding our students is always our first priority. The students have been spoken to by staff about being aware of the environment around them, as well as walking as part of a group whenever possible to and from school.

Key points for students to remember:

- Do not walk with headphones in
- Do not walk whilst playing/speaking on a telephone
- Be aware of other people/cars around you
- Walk as part of a group as much as you can
- If in trouble look for a safe port of call (shop, garage etc)

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

J C Whelan
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