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Dear Parent/Carer

In the last two days or so it has become clear that a number of messages have been circulated in relation to suspected attempted abductions of children in the area in the past week or so.

I would like to clarify the position to hopefully provide some reassurance to yourselves. There has been one report made to Dorset police following a suspicious incident in Alderholt on Friday, October 7. Other suspicious incidents have been reported to police but these are not linked and are certainly not abductions. We understand that people are very worried when they hear the word 'abduction' but listening to and passing on unsubstantiated rumour only makes the problem worse and frightens people unnecessarily. We are speaking to local schools and as many residents as we can to try and clarify the situation and restore some calm in our neighbourhoods.

We are also working with our Dorset Police colleagues to ensure all lines of enquiry are fully investigated, and to reassure and protect the people who live, work and visit in these areas. I would ask that parents remain vigilant in relation to anyone behaving suspiciously and report such matters to the Police. Equally I would like to reassure staff and parents that we take such reports seriously and investigate them to ensure that we minimise any risk to children in the area.

Yours Faithfully

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