



**Willenhall
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Dear Parent / Carer

Please see the message below from the local police regarding an incident yesterday. In light of this incident we would encourage you to collect your child(ren) from school for the remainder of this week if at all possible. **If you are collecting children who would normally walk home please ensure that you are here promptly so that staff know your child is not to walk alone.** If children are walking home without an adult we will be encouraging them to walk with friends.

We are investigating a report of suspicious behaviour in Willenhall, Coventry at around 9.10am yesterday morning (22 September).

It is understood a man tried to grab hold of two young children - who were with their mother - as they walked through the junction of two alleyways at the top of Littlethorpe, adjacent to Upper Park.

The man left after the mother intervened.

The children were not hurt, but they, and their mother, are clearly shaken by what happened.

Our enquiries are continuing with CCTV from the area being collated and reviewed.

We've increased patrols in the area to offer reassurance and are working closely with the local school.

Anyone with information can message us via Live Chat, or call us on 101. Please quote crime numbers 20/1756830/21 and 20/1755723/21.

Fortunately suspicious activity around schools is extremely rare.

Where incidents are reported we investigate and liaise with local schools and residents and urge anyone who may have seen something to give us a call on 101.

We take all reports of this nature seriously and thank people for their vigilance.

It's timely to remind youngsters to observe our personal safety advice:

- Never go off on your own with a stranger, take things from them or get in a car with them.*
- Make sure you tell your parents where you are.*
- If someone scares you, or makes you feel uncomfortable go somewhere safe, which could be your home, your school or a police station.*
- Remember to tell someone what has happened straight away.*
- Always dial 999 in an emergency.*

For advice visit the NPCC website - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/staying-safe-away-from-home/>

The school will keep you informed if there is any further information for parents.

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Head Teacher



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