

Parents information sheet

Safety around strangers and getting lost

What is a stranger and what to do if a stranger approaches us

NEVER go with them, even if they tell you they know your mum and dad. Strangers can tell lies. Yell and tell (shout loud to get peoples attention then go and find a grown up you can trust to tell)

Go to a 'Safe Zone'. Have a list of safe places to go to if a stranger makes you feel uncomfortable. Go to the nearest one (it could be school, a shop you go to often where you know the staff, home, a friends house, the police station...)

Keeping Safe from strangers

Never approach or talk to a stranger. Never accept gifts or treats from strangers.

Never walk off alone- stay with family and friends. Never get in a car with a stranger.

Always play in an area where your grown up can see you.

Always tell someone at home exactly where you are going and when you'll be back.

What to do if we are lost

The children have been learning some strategies to follow if they become lost when they are out with friends or family. The children have been taught to have a 'safety plan' similar to the one below.

Have a safety plan

- Stop, Stand Still and Look around you
- Stay where you are- your grown up will probably come back to where they last saw you quite quickly.
- Shout your grown-ups name loud and clear.
- If you have agreed a meeting place, go there. It should be a busy place.
- Look around for a safe stranger.
- Don't go off with a stranger who isn't a safe stranger
- Carry your mum or dads mobile number in your pocket.

Please help at home:

- 1. Ask your child to tell you about what they have learned today using the information above to prompt them if necessary.
- 2. Please support your child to complete the short homework task.
- 3. Have a little go at role playing different scenarios when they may be approached by a stranger or what to do if they get lost.
- 4. Please talk about a safety plan and decide what your child should do if they become lost. Please ensure that they continue to learn their full name and address so that they can relate these to the police if they are lost. Remind them that this information should not be given out to a stranger.