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Dear Parent/Carers,

Unfortunately, I am writing regarding three worrying incidents which have occurred within the last 24 hours.

As some of you will be aware, there was an incident involving a parent at the school gate this morning. The gentleman used inappropriate language and was very threatening towards staff. As this behaviour is not acceptable, the police had to be called and they have logged the incident. It has also been reported to the local authority, so that appropriate action can be taken to prevent this from happening again.

The mother of a Year 4 child has also reported an incident which took place yesterday. A man approached her at the corner of Bromley High Street and St Leonard's Street and showed her an image of a girl on his mobile phone. He told her that he was looking for his daughter as her mother had taken his daughter away from him. When the Year 4 parent advised him he should call the police, rather than come to the school, he walked away. The man has been described as around 5 foot 7, stocky build with very short hair (near to bald) and a very light beard. He was wearing a black top and was wearing sunglasses. The incident was reported to the police and they have advised that they should be called if is seen near the school again.

In addition, a father, with children in Year 1 & 3, also informed us that he was attacked at around 3.30pm yesterday on the corner of St Leonard's Street and Bruce Road, allegedly by a man with children at the school. The parent has reported the matter to the police. Should you have any information regarding this incident, please contact the police directly.

Staff are aware of the above incidents and will be extra vigilant. We have also asked if the police could be visible in the area at the start and end of the day as an extra precaution. As some children witnessed the incident at the school gate this morning, we have also asked that teachers do an extra check in with their class today using the zones of regulation, to support the children's emotional wellbeing.

It is unfortunate that I am having to write about these incidents on national **Smile Day**, which promotes random acts of kindness. The children will be encouraged to show kindness throughout the day and we would also love to hear about any acts of random kindness you have completed. Please write these down and hand them into the teachers or to the school office. We have already had some lovely emails this morning which are much appreciated. There is so much sadness and negativity in the world – **let's see if we can all raise a smile today.**

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Palmer
Headteacher.



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