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Dear Parents/Carers

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**Keeping our Communities Safe**

This year has seen the UK fall victim to the terrorist attacks from Westminster to Manchester and more recently at London Bridge and Borough Market. It is unfortunate that the threat of terrorism within the UK and across the world is very real and the threat level in the UK is set at Severe which means an attack is highly likely.

Due to events in the UK and abroad, people are understandably concerned about similar attacks taking place again both here at home or whilst on holiday abroad. These attacks are very rare but in the event of such an attack, it helps to be prepared. Remember, attacks of this nature are still extremely rare in the UK.

Whilst at the moment, the issue of terrorist attacks is regularly in the news it has been on the agenda for the police and security services for much longer. The police and security service have been working constantly to foil terrorist attacks for years, not months and the UK remains to be one of the safe countries to live and work in. But we are not complacent about keeping you safe.

***As part of a national effort we too are disseminating guidance this week to students during assemblies on what we could do if we were caught up in an incident similar to the recent attacks.*** Please do take the time to discuss this with your children. Please find below the link to the *Run, Hide, Tell* leaflet issued by the National Police Chiefs Council which provides simple but effective advice to keep you safe.

[http://www.npcc.police.uk/staysafeassets/NPCC\\_CT\\_A5%202pp.pdf](http://www.npcc.police.uk/staysafeassets/NPCC_CT_A5%202pp.pdf)

Please also take the time to visit the website and view the accompanying video that can be found via the following link:

<http://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/WeaponAttacksStaySafe.aspx>

Further advice can also be found on the Citizen Aid website ([www.citizenaid.org](http://www.citizenaid.org)) which includes a free downloadable application for mobile devices that also incorporates the above advice.

Please of course be very vigilant and if you see anything suspicious, anything at all, or you are concerned about anyone at all, even if you think it is very insignificant, don't hesitate to contact the police on the anti-terrorism hotline on 0800789321. Your information could be vital.

Yours sincerely



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