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To: Parents and Carers

Ein Cyf / Our ref: EC/JMc
Eich Cyf / Your ref: n/a
Dyddiad/Date: 25th May 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

You may be aware of an incident that took place in Brynmawr, Blaenau Gwent on the 16th May, 2023, where a male person reportedly attempted to grab a primary school pupil on her way home. She is safe following the incident and is being well supported by the School and the Police.

As a local authority, we work closely with other authorities throughout Wales, and wanted to share this information with our Parents and Carers within Merthyr Tydfil to not only make you aware, but to have conversations with your children around safety travelling to and from school.

Following the incident, Gwent Police issued a statement with details of the individual who approached the child, who was described as aged around 60 with white and grey hair and was believed to be wearing black jogging bottoms and a black hoodie while reportedly driving a small silver van.

This is a precautionary message to all schools with the aim of raising awareness and helping to keep our young people safe. We do not want to cause panic as to date we are not aware of any sightings of this individual in our County Borough.

Should there be any reports of this individual approaching your child or another young person, please call South Wales Police immediately on 101 or you can send a direct message on social media. You can also use the live chat function on the website here: www.south-wales.police.uk.

You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously with details on 0800 555 111.

Please also make the school aware of any incidents you may be aware of so that the appropriate safety measures can be put in place.

Your co-operation in this matter is most appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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