

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents /Carers

In light of the recent harrowing events that have taken place in London, we are writing to express the need for all parents/carers, students, school staff and members of the community need to be a part of creating a safe environment for your child to thrive in.

There has been a number of violent incidents in the local area reported on the television and social media. It is inevitable that your child will become aware of these events and may ask questions about it. Therefore, I strongly suggest that you consider the following;

- As social media is a major part of many people's lives, we ask that you monitor your child's exposure to this as often, innocent searches sometimes reveal not so innocent results. If you are worried about what your child is searching for online, who they're talking to or what they're seeing, school can help and using parental controls is one of the best ways to help keep children safe online
- Although years 5 and 6 are permitted to walk home alone, we ask as much as possible that for their safety, your child has a peer to walk home with or is accompanied by a known adult that lives nearby. Please also ensure that they have arrived safely at home
- Children should know their full names, their parent/carer's mobile or home phone number and when to call 999. Children should also have a second trusted adult to call if they are scared or have an emergency
- Encourage your child to use the main roads and avoiding shortcuts or isolated areas. If your children take a bus, make sure they have an alternative route in case of diversions

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We will be speaking to children in assemblies and during Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PCHSE) lessons to promote how they can keep themselves safe.

If your child has been affected by what they have seen or heard, please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak to one of our Pastoral Support Team.

Your child's safety, well-being, and security are our number one priority and we would like to take this opportunity to tell you how proud we are of the children at Clapham Manor and look forward to seeing them go from strength to strength in the future.

Yours sincerely

All the staff at Clapham Manor

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