

Dear Head Teacher,

We are writing to alert you to a recent incident. On Tuesday 15 November 2011 a 12 year old girl on her way to school was approaching Garrards Road area when a man driving a white van called her over in an attempt to persuade her to get into his van.

We understand the male and vehicle have been seen in the Streatham High Road area and you will recall there was a similar incident in the West Norwood area earlier in the term.

The male is described as a tanned white man between 20 and 30 years old. With short black hair, a slim athletic build with dark stubble wearing navy bottoms with white stripes and North London accent. The male was driving a dirty white transit van with a black roof rack.

Police are working closely with the girl's school and are appealing for information from members of the public concerning the incident. Local Safer Neighbourhoods Teams and Safer Schools Officers have been made aware.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may have seen a white van is asked to contact Lambeth CID on 020 8649 3478. If you have any information and wish to remain anonymous please contact CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111.

The police have asked us to remind schools and parents that this type of incident is extremely rare.

This communication is to alert you of the incident and for you to take the necessary steps to inform parents and to raise awareness amongst pupils and parents about their personal safety as you deem necessary for your school.

Debbie Jones

Executive Director