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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Community Safety**

In my letter to parents/carers of the 12th of August, I issued a reminder about the refurbishment of the Cornwall Street and Kirkwood Street footbridges which span the M8 between Junctions 21 and 23 (Kinning Park and Ibrox). As they are unable to access these footbridges at the moment, many of our young people may now require to walk to and from school using alternative routes they will not know as well.

As way of an update, we have been made aware of an incident earlier in the week where a member of the public has behaved in a threatening way towards two young people in the McLellan Street area of the community, which is relatively close to the school.

This incident, which took place late-afternoon, is currently being investigated by the Police and as such there is no more detail at the moment, but we wanted to make sure our families had this information in order to speak to their child.

So that we can assist our families in keeping young people safe, we have rearranged our PHSE programme so that lessons on community safety will take place now, rather than later in the session. As always, our Campus Police Officer is present in the community at lunchtimes; he and members of our Senior Leadership Team are present outside the school at the end of the school day to assist young people as required.

Please contact me at the school if you would like to discuss the matter further.

Yours faithfully,

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