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Dear Parent/Carer

I am very proud of the outstanding reputation that NSB students have for their standards of behaviour both inside and outside of school. First and foremost, the safeguarding and well-being of our students has always been our priority and this will continue to be the case. Recently we have been made aware of a small number of issues related to the safety of students travelling to and from school. Today I addressed these issues with students during assembly and I was keen to ensure that you were also fully informed. I would be grateful if you could re-emphasise these points at home to further support your child's safeguarding awareness.

The Billing Road - Students must use the crossings at all times of the day to ensure their safety. A serious accident was only narrowly avoided recently when a student failed to use the crossing. Parents must also ensure that they adhere to the Highway Code regarding the avoidance of parking on yellow lines and should not attempt dangerous manoeuvres around road junctions, particularly 'u-turns' around the bollards at the intersection of the Billing Road and Ardington Road.

Alleyways - Students have been asked to avoid using the alleyways off Ardington Road and Lutterworth Road as thoroughfares for getting to and from school. Incidents of concern are minimised when students use pavements adjacent to public roads rather than perceived alleyway shortcuts.

Abington Park - The police have advised the school of a potential increased police presence around the park due to reported theft related incidents targeting people walking through the park including, on occasion, children walking home from school. As a precaution students have been advised, where possible, to avoid walking through the park on their way to and from school and to stick to public pavements adjacent to main roads. Students should walk with a friend if possible in order to minimise risk.

Strangers - Students have been reminded of the importance of not engaging in conversations with strangers and to report any related incidents which have made them feel in any way uncomfortable.

If there are any matters related to the above which you would like to discuss further please contact Mr Kneeshaw, the safeguarding lead at the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Bernard
Headmaster

