

# LEYBOURNE SS PETER & PAUL C E PRIMARY ACADEMY



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Dear Parents

Some of you may have seen posts on Social Media in the last few days, concerning reports of attempted abductions in the local area. Whilst these reports have been discussed on social media, we have not received any official communication about them in school.

Therefore, we have today spoken to the PCSO regarding the situation, with the intention of giving you an up to date and factual account.

The PCSO has confirmed that:

- Two weeks ago, the police received reports of accostings (approaches to children) in Snodland and Aylesford
- As a result of these reports, the police have increased their surveillance, around all schools in the local area, in both marked and unmarked police cars
- This increased surveillance led to an arrest last week
- Investigations are on going
- Increased surveillance by the police is ongoing, and includes regular patrols outside our school amongst others in the area

The PCSO has noticed an increase in the number of parents following behind their children at a distance, to give the children greater independence whilst ensuring their safety. This is to be considered a sensible approach to take at this time if you are concerned.

Please be assured that we will always contact you if your child is not in school and we have not received an explanation from you. We will not leave any child's absence from school unexplained. Please do email the school on [office@leybourne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@leybourne.kent.sch.uk) to report your child's absence.

Please do speak to your children about the need to walk to school safely and sensibly, preferably in a group with their friends. It is important, however, to reassure them that no abductions have occurred and that the police are remaining vigilant at this time.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch

**We promote the learning and development of all children to achieve their full potential  
in a caring, happy Christian environment**

