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Keeping our communities safe.

Dear Parent,

This year has seen the UK fall victim to the terrorist attacks from Westminster to Manchester and more recently at London Bridge and Borough Market. It is unfortunate that the threat of terrorism within the UK and across the world is very real and the threat level in the UK is set at Severe which means an attack is highly likely.

Due to events in the UK and abroad, people are understandably concerned about similar attacks taking place again both here at home or whilst on holiday abroad. These attacks are very rare but in the event of such an attack, it helps to be prepared. Remember, attacks of this nature are still extremely rare in the UK.

We understand that this is a very worrying time for people especially at a time when we are looking to plan for the summer holidays and arrange activities for our families. Whilst at the moment, the issue of terrorist attacks is regularly in the news it has been on the agenda for the police and security services for much longer. The police and security service have been working constantly to foil terrorist attacks for years, not months and the UK remains to be one of the safest countries to live and work in. But we are not complacent about keeping you safe.

As part of a national effort we too are disseminating guidance to the public on what we could do if we were caught up in an incident similar to the recent attacks. Please find attached the Run, Hide, Tell leaflet issued by the National Police Chiefs Council which provides simple but effective advice to keep you safe. Please also take the time to visit the website and view the accompanying video that can be found via the following link:

<http://www.npcc.police.uk/NPCCBusinessAreas/WeaponAttacksStaySafe.aspx>

Further advice can also be found on the Citizen Aid website (www.citizenaid.org) which includes a free downloadable application for mobile devices that also incorporates the above advice.

Please of course be very vigilant and if you see anything suspicious, anything at all, or you are concerned about anyone at all, even if you think it is very insignificant, don't hesitate to contact the police on the anti-terrorism hotline on 0800 789 321. Your information could be vital.

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IN THE RARE EVENT OF
a firearms or weapons attack

RUN HIDE TELL



RUN to a place of safety. This is a far better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...

HIDE. It's better to hide than to confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then finally and only when it is safe to do so...

TELL the police by calling 999.

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So Stay Safe, and just remember the words:

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To watch the Stay Safe film, visit
www.npcc.police.uk/staysafe

Information is vital. If you see or hear something that could be terrorist related, trust your instincts and call the confidential Anti-Terrorist hotline on **0800 789 321**. Our specially trained officers will take it from there. Your call could save lives.

Always in an emergency, call **999**.