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## Holland Village Incidents

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you of two similar incidents that the school has just become aware of.

After school this week, a male member of the public who is estimated to be about 17 years old, approached two of our female students on different days in Holland Village. The conversation started with him telling the students that he was lonely and looking for friendship. As the conversation progressed, he asked for social media contacts and became more insistent with his requests. He also asked one student to move to somewhere more secluded so that they could talk. In both incidents the students felt very uncomfortable and were able to remove themselves from the situation by finding other students who were around at the time.

It is clearly concerning that this individual is approaching our students. The school spoke to all students about these occurrences in Chapel this morning and what to do if this were to happen to them. Students were advised of the following:

- Not engage with anyone who approaches them in Holland Village.
- Not share contact details or social media accounts with strangers who ask.
- To remove themselves from the situation as soon as possible.
- To not go anywhere with anyone who approaches them.
- If they are pestered, seek other students from ACS (International) and join the group, or to return quickly back to ACS (International).
- If any approaches occur in the MRT station, staff there may also be approached.
- To inform the school if this happens and the details.

The school has contacted its Police liaison officer to inform them of these occurrences and to seek further advice. The school will also place a member of SLT after school in Holland Village near the MRT station in the coming days.

Please take the time to speak to your child\ward about this incident and ensure that they are aware of it and the steps to take if they are approached.

The safety of our school community is a priority and so we appreciate your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Kinch  
Principal