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SAFETY HOUSE PROGRAMME (Stranger Awareness)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your enquiry regarding the Safety House Programme. The enclosed document should give you a reasonably detailed explanation of the concepts and implementation of the programme. However, there may be other questions raised that may not be explicitly answered. This does not mean that those aspects have not been considered. Please give us the opportunity to offer further details on any part of the programme that may not be fully explained.

If you are representing a School Council, we would like to point out that it is essential that other people in the community associated with the school actually get up and operate the programme.

However, the initial steps of forming a committee would most likely be undertaken by the School Council.

We would request that a survey of parents at the school be conducted, asking if the programme is desirable and asking that volunteers form a committee.

To retain the essential ingredient of community awareness, it is strongly recommended that the programme be established around as small a local community as possible, that is, a committee should be formed around one only school community. That does not preclude liaison with neighbouring schools. The Safety House Committee (of Victoria) will provide a co-ordinating function for you.

Finally, to ensure uniformity of the Safety House Programme, that is, that the symbol has the same meaning everywhere, and to assist with possible reduction in costs, any committee formed with a view to establishing the programme, is required to notify the Safety House Committee (of Victoria) Delegates from your committee may then sit on the co-ordinating committee.

Once again, thank you for your enquiry and I hope we will be able to assist you in the future.

Yours sincerely,