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## PINEDENE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NOTICE 27 OF 2022: SAFETY ALERT

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Dear Parents,

**I am informed that, this morning, before school – a Grade 7 learner of our school was robbed at gunpoint.** As it is related to me, it happened as he was walking to school this morning – in Maskew Street. I have already spoken to the parent of the individual parent, but I need to address this matter with the broader Pinedene Community.

**It is not safe to let your children roam the streets freely.** This is exactly why we so often ask that, when learners are dropped off at school, they HAVE to enter the school grounds and stay inside. I have handled numerous incidents this week where learners get dropped off and then, instead of entering the school yard, they wander off elsewhere – to a friend's house or to a shop. The school cannot accept any responsibility for your child's safety if the rules of the school are so blatantly ignored.

**Similarly, in the afternoons after school – learners must be collected from school as soon as possible.** We, as a school, try our best – we have educators on duty in the Pick and Drop to do our best to ensure the safety of our learners. Unfortunately, the situation becomes more difficult to control – learners simply do not listen, run across the road and back again, there are incidents of bullying occurring after school; and our staff members sometimes suffer verbal abuse. This is not acceptable. And the answer is simple – learners need to go home after school. After all, it is your children's safety that is at risk here.

***PLEASE DO NOT LET YOUR CHILD AND OUR SCHOOL BECOME PART OF THE AWFUL STATISTICS WE SO OFTEN HEAR ABOUT IN THE NEWS.***

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. D. Du Pont', written over a horizontal line.

B. D. Du Pont (Principal)