



Enfield County School for Girls

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Dear Parents and Carers

Police Patrol Initiative

I am writing to inform you of information sent to Enfield Schools by Enfield and Haringey Community Engagement Team.

This is in reference to police patrolling between 2.00pm - 6.00pm from the end of this month to the end of April with the intention to mitigate serious youth violence with high-visibility foot patrols at times shown to enhance community reassurance and foster engagement with young people.

This initiative is aimed at addressing youth-targeted crime, particularly during to and from school and on public transport with key objectives being to:

- Reduce incidents of robbery targeting young people.
- Increase police visibility and engagement in identified hotspots.

Officers on patrol will be working to actively engage with young people, providing essential safety advice, including:

- Stay aware of surroundings while out and about.
- Remain vigilant for potential threats, particularly from individuals using bikes, mopeds, or e-scooters to snatch valuables.
- Avoid displaying phones or valuables openly while walking.
- Recognise that using headphones can create distractions.
- Plan safe routes and opt for public transport used by others, steering clear of isolated shortcuts.

Areas identified by the police as 'hot-spots for school-age robberies include: Ponders End Park, Enfield Town, Edmonton Green, Pymmes Park, Durants Park, Albany Park, Enfield Town Park and Jubilee Park.

Here in school we regularly speak to students across all year groups regarding their personal safety to and from school; including not to have mobile phones in hand which could be snatched and not to linger in local areas on the way to and from school.

In addition to this I regularly observe students stepping out on roads whilst using mobile phones, and/or with earphones which distract and block out noise of passing traffic, putting themselves at very real risk of danger.

I would ask that you speak with your daughter to reinforce the message regarding her personal safety and to ensure that she travels directly and safely home at the end of the school day.

The lighter mornings and evenings with warmer weather on the horizon are very positive for us all and I encourage us to enjoy being out of doors, however strongly advise that during the early morning and end of the school day periods the areas above are best avoided by all students for their safety and wellbeing.

Kind regards

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