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Dear Pupil & Parent/Carer,

### **Welcome to Secondary School!**

We are the North Area Police Safer Schools Team and we are writing to give you an insight into the possible dangers of theft & robbery of mobile phones. We aim to give you some personal safety ideas to try to ensure everyone remains safe during your time at Secondary School.

I am writing to every Year 7 student to introduce the work we do and how we can help. We are a team of dedicated Police Officers based in most Secondary School across Enfield & Haringey. We work closely with the Head Teachers, Principals and pupils to enhance the safety of young people both in and out of the school environment. The team works with some young people to help stop their offending through referrals to supporting agencies & helps them to develop their self-confidence and self-esteem through daily engagement and support. If you are worried about your safety at school or feel threatened, your Safer Schools Officer will gladly offer help and advice.

As the nights get darker, we often see an increase in mobile phone robberies particularly of the new SMART phones. We are working proactively to reduce the risks of robbery but we need to work together as a community to reduce these offences typically occurring between 3pm and 6pm against children aged between 11 and 16 on the way home from school.

We are writing to you to make you aware of simple crime prevention, which you can apply to reduce the risk of being a victim of crime:

- **Please register your phone and its IMEI (dial \*#06# to obtain this) on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com). The IMEI number is unique to your phone and helps us to prove rightful ownership should it be lost or stolen.**
- **Ensure you use your mobile phone safely avoiding unnecessary use in public. Think about keeping your phone on 'silent'. Do not walk in public with your phone in your hands.**
- **Be aware of your surroundings and who is approaching you.**
- **Make sure you have installed any available security apps, such as 'find my i-phone', and you have familiarised yourself with how to use them.**

In an effort to reduce these crimes and provide reassurance, Safer School Officers, Safer Transport Officers, who patrol bus and train stations, and Dedicated Ward Officers conduct high visibility patrols at the end of the school day in high footfall locations. Please do approach us if you have any concerns.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if there are locations that you feel need further patrols and I would also encourage you to follow us on Facebook & Twitter to receive regular policing updates.

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