



CENTRAL FOUNDATION BOYS' SCHOOL

2nd December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Street Robberies

Unfortunately, we have had an incident this morning that involved two of our students being the victim of a robbery. This follows on from two such incidents last week. Thankfully all our students involved were not physically harmed and we are supporting them with regard to the trauma that results from such incidents.

We are working with the Metropolitan Police, the Transport Police and Islington Council to do all that we can to address the issue of street robberies. The Police will be providing more patrols in the area, both before and after school; and we will continue with our patrols in the area of the school at this time as well. We are continuing our discussions with these bodies to identify other actions that can be taken.

We wanted to re-share our advice for keeping safe on journeys to and from school.

Our safety advice is as follows:

- 1) If someone is threatening you with a weapon, it's safest to hand over your valuables.
- 2) Plan your journey:

Plan your route: Keep to busy, well-lit streets, walkways and paths which are more likely to be covered by CCTV. Where possible travel with friends or family, but if travelling alone, let a friend or family member know your plans, where you're travelling to and an ETA.

- 3) Avoid unsafe areas:

There are some areas in Islington where there has been an increase in street robberies. These areas include, Chapel Market, Highbury train station and MacDonald's at Angel.

- 4) If getting on a bus, sit on the lower deck.

- 5) Keep valuables out of site:

Keep your mobile phone and valuables out of sight. Many young people have started using Nokia Brick Phones whilst travelling, as potential thieves are much less interested in this. If you're using your phone it's more likely to be snatched from your hand as you're not paying attention to your surroundings. With any travel, it is important to always keep personal belongings with you at all times. It's best to not have phones, headphones or any other technology on show, particularly in busy areas. Ensure your pockets are zipped up and you are aware of suspicious activity from other people.

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6) If you witness an incident of crime please report it. This is really important.

<https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

You can also report a crime anonymously:

<https://shorturl.at/txSX1>

7) You can access specific support for victims of crime here:

<https://www.police.uk/pu/support-services/support-children-young-people-crime/>

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-and-support/young-victims-crime/>

We wanted to share our response of how we support young people if they have been a victim of crime:

- We always meet with the young person after the event and formulate a safety plan which is shared with them and their family.
- We offer a referral to Early Help services to support the young person.
- We liaise closely with the Metropolitan police, usually through a Safer Schools Officer, to see if any other measures can be taken to support the victim.

Last term we offered Ben Kinsella workshop for families wanting more advice on how to keep their young person safe. If this is something that you think would be helpful, please contact Ms Chawluk at chawluka@cfbs.islington.sch.uk. We will be organising another street safety session in school for parents in the next couple of weeks.

Yours faithfully,

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