



21st January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer(s),

I am writing to inform you of two incidents that occurred in the local area over the past couple of weeks in which students were approached and had personal items taken while travelling home from school. The students involved are safe, and the incidents were reported and dealt with appropriately.

While incidents of this nature are rare, we felt it was important to keep families informed and to take this opportunity to remind students and parents of some sensible steps that can help reduce risk when travelling.

We encourage students to:

- Travel with friends where possible, particularly before and after school
- Stick to well-lit, busy routes and avoid shortcuts
- Keep phones and valuables out of sight while walking
- Be aware of their surroundings and avoid distractions such as headphones at high volume
- Go into a shop, public building, or approach a trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable
- Report anything concerning to a member of staff, a parent/carers, or the police as appropriate

We also ask parents and carers to:

- Talk calmly with your child about personal safety and encourage open communication
- Remind them to let you know if anything worries them on their journey
- Consider travel arrangements together, particularly if routines have recently changed

Whilst we may deserve nice things, we do not deserve to be victims of crime and so I ask that you consider what possessions your child is bringing to school. Having expensive items, particularly Jackets, may make them more vulnerable to theft. We want your children to be safe so please consider this.

We also advise your child to plan their route to and from school and avoid shortcuts into isolated places. Remember, if they are targeted, don't fight back, property can be replaced!

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your support in reinforcing these messages helps us to promote the safety and well-being of all our students.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Edwards

Deputy Principal and Designated Safeguarding Lead