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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you of a recent correspondence that I have received from the Metropolitan Police. The letter has highlighted the fact that a number of school aged children within the Uxbridge area have been the victims of robbery of late. The police do not believe that school children are being specifically targeted; however, they do make up a notable proportion of the victims.

General research shared by the Metropolitan Police has shown that Year 7 and 8 students are often the easiest targets for robberies with mobile phones, wireless earphones and e-scooters being the most targeted property.

I have been asked to remind students, parents, carers and staff of the importance of young people's personal safety and the steps that can be taken to help make them less of an attractive target for criminals. We will be utilising educational resources from [outofyourhands.com](http://outofyourhands.com) [\[click here\]](#). Parents and carers may wish to review this site and discuss some of the issues with their child. The Metropolitan Police Service internet site also has prevention advice available [\[click here\]](#). In addition, mobile phones and other gadgets being registered on [immobilise.com](http://immobilise.com) [\[click here\]](#) helps the police return devices back to their owners and identify offenders.

The Metropolitan Police are focusing on the area along with other robbery hotspots across the borough with extra police patrols and work is going on in the background to identify and arrest the offenders involved.

If any parents, carers or students do have information to share with the police then please do so by contacting the Safer Schools Team, anonymously using [Crimestoppers-UK.org](http://Crimestoppers-UK.org); or the young person's version, [Fearless.org](http://Fearless.org). If there is anything urgent then 101 or 999 is always the best option.

As much as we do not wish parents and carers to be overly concerned about this issue it is important that, as a community, we remain vigilant and ensure that our young people are taking every precaution to remain safe. Your support regarding this matter is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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