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Dear Pupil, Parent / Carer,

**Welcome to your Secondary School** This letter has been designed by The Enfield Police Safer Schools Team to give you an insight into possible dangers concerning theft or robbery of mobile phones, and to give you some personal safety ideas, all with the aim of making sure everyone remains safe over the coming months. I am writing to every new Year 7 student to introduce the work we do and how we can help.

Enfield Safer Schools Police are a dedicated team of Police Officers based in all Secondary Schools across Enfield, who work closely with the Head Teachers, Principals and pupils. They enhance the safety of young people both in and out of the school environment. They also work with youngsters to help stop them offending or from being victims of crime and also encouraging young people to develop their skills, self-confidence and esteem. If you're worried about safety 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 - I-phones etc. Lots of work has been done to reduce the risks of robbery but **we still see too many against children aged between 11 and 16. Of those, most have had a mobile phone taken. Most offences occur between 3pm and 5pm on the way home from school.**

Another reason for me taking this step of writing to you is to make an appeal to work with us to reduce the risk of you being threatened or robbed. You can do this simply applying the following simple basic Crime Prevention advice:

- 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.
- Ensure you use your handset safely avoiding unnecessary use and showing the handset off. Think about keeping your phone on 'silent'.
- 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 that you know how to use them properly.

In an effort to reduce these crimes, Safer School Officers and Local Community Officers conduct high visibility patrols at the end of the school day.

From 3rd July 2017 Enfield Officers will be using body worn cameras. The technology offers greater transparency for those in front of the camera as well as behind it. We have officers patrolling on buses and at train stations and Safer Schools Officers make random searches of local areas to discover hidden weapons which may be used against others.

Enfield continues to be a very safe borough, but we hope the information contained within makes you even safer!

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