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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to make you aware of a recent increase in robberies against school aged children in Ealing Broadway over the past few weeks.

I would like to remind you of some crime prevention advice that can help keep them safe.

- Be aware of your surroundings when out and avoid using your mobile phone in public or having valuables on display.
- Smart phones in particular are attractive to thieves – a more basic mobile phone will enable you to stay in touch but be less of a target. Register your mobile at immobilise.com to help police recover it if it's ever stolen.
- Airpods or headphones can make you more vulnerable as you are less aware of your surroundings.
- Consider turning on the GPS on your phone when out and about, this can also be helpful to officers when attempting to locate stolen phones.
- Having conversations about the safest route home, avoiding shortcuts, is a good idea.
- Don't confront a thief – it's not worth risking your own safety for possessions that can be replaced.

Please be assured we have extra police patrols in the area and we are working together with partner agencies to identify and arrest offenders involved.

In an emergency situation please contact 999 to ensure you get a fast response If you would like to report any incidents to police this can be done on 101 or reported online at www.met.police.uk. Information can be passed via the Safer Schools Team anonymously or by using www.Crimestoppers-UK.org or the youth version www.Fearless.org. Fearless is a youth service that is independent of Crimestoppers. It gives you the opportunity to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously and you will not need to speak to police or go to court.

Your local Safer Schools Officer can be contacted on XBMailbox-.SaferSchools@met.police.uk

Yours sincerely

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