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Dear Parents/Carers

Following recent emails and concerns relating to safety in Southgate, I thought I would update you on what has been occurring.

As a school we take the safety of our students coming to school or going home very seriously. We do run regular patrols in the surrounding streets, including Southgate, by senior staff, as necessary to help our students to go home safely and in a well behaved manner.

With recent events of youths mugging some students on the way home from school we have briefed our students carefully on how to minimise this risk. In addition, I have been in contact with the police and the council seeking assistance to improve security in the area. Mr Sullivan, Associate Head Teacher and myself have also met the Southgate & Enfield MP, Mr Charalambous who has been helpful in working with all parties to improve security.

Local Enfield Councillors and the Neighbourhood Inspector are all involved in looking into the issues facing Southgate.

I understand from the police that actions are being taken to maintain Southgate as a safe area. Some of the issues facing Southgate are a consequence of it being a transport hub.

I have been reassured by Enfield police that on-going action by them should result in improvements and also a more visible police presence.

However, if you or your child becomes involved as a victim of crime, please do report the incident to the police as this helps the police not only monitor incidents but also know how best to respond. As a school we are unable to react, other than to pass information on to our police liaison officer. However if you do hear of matters that you wish to bring to our attention, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I wish to thank Mr Charalambous MP for his support, Enfield Councillors and the police for their efforts in improving security, as well as the parents who have been in touch with me.

I hope in the best interests of all students, security in the Southgate area improves providing students with a safe journey home.

Kind regards,

Mr D Brown  
Head Teacher