

23rd September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Street Watch Scheme

Can you help to make our streets safer for our students? – Just by walking about in Southgate high street you can really help.

Following an increase in street crime on secondary school children across Enfield, we want our students to be safe. Parents, the community and the Police are working in partnership with the local schools to establish a Street Watch pilot scheme in Southgate.

Street Watch is a community patrol initiative which has a proven track record of working well in other London boroughs. The Police backed scheme brings people together to help make the streets safer for everyone.

The scheme involves volunteers wearing a high visibility vest, ID badge and walking around their local streets in pairs to help provide visible reassurance and report any concerns to the Police. All volunteers are covered by public liability insurance, vetted and are given training before they start.

The organisers are asking for volunteers to commit 2 hours, or whatever time they can spare, to walkabout in Southgate at the end of each half-term. Also they are looking for a coordinator who will oversee the volunteers during the walkabouts and act as the main communication link with the Police; who will be patrolling alongside the volunteers.

The Street Watch scheme is an ideal and safe way for parents and local people to get more involved in helping to ensure the safety of our young people. Similar to the local 'Neighbourhood Watch' schemes or parents' volunteering as stewards at 'summer fairs', the role of a Street Watch volunteer is to be an extra pair of eyes and ears.

If you're interested in making a valuable contribution by volunteering 2 hours of your time to:

- help set up the scheme in Southgate
- join the walkabouts
- coordinate the volunteers
- fundraise for the equipment needed
- provide admin support
- promote on social media

Please get in touch with Dionne John on southgatestreetwatch@gmail.com to ask any questions or click on the link <https://forms.gle/o2XdeLyDtv74iizZ9> to register by 27th September 2019 your interest to volunteer this half-term on Friday 18th October.

Yours sincerely

Dionne John

Street Watch organiser

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zFBEdO_XVc