

13th December 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

The school has been made aware of at least two incidents of street robbery/muggings taking place at Southgate tube station over the last week. Both incidents took place in the early evening and have been reported to the police. I feel it is timely therefore to remind our community of advice from the Metropolitan Police on how to attempt to avoid such incidents.

- 1) Keep valuables hidden – our mobile phone policy is designed to assist with this instruction. If criminals were to realise that Ashmole is a no phones school the likelihood of muggings is decreased. I urge both students and parents to abide by this policy.
- 2) Awareness – related to the above, hoods, headphones and mobiles are a distraction to students and to them having an awareness of their surroundings.
- 3) Safety in numbers – we would ask where possible, that students do not travel home on their own and that they avoid isolated places.

As you are already aware, the school has launched “Street Watch” with Mrs Dionne John, a parent, where she has worked closely with local businesses and London Transport Police in providing voluntary patrols made up of parents and the local community within the Southgate area at the end of half terms. This will be in place again next Friday (20th December). Full details can be found on the school website under community.

Yours sincerely

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