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30<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware of two separate incidents which have happened over the past few days after students had left school at the end of the day. In both of these incidents, our students have been the victims of theft, perpetrated by members of the public not known to the school. While we have no evidence to suggest that these represented any kind of concerted attempt to intimidate or harm our students, it would be remiss of us not to alert you to them.

The three students involved in the two incidents are, thankfully, unharmed and have received support in school to ensure that they feel reassured and protected. We are working closely with West Midlands Police to ensure that our students remain safe and vigilant on their way to and from school. We enjoy a productive relationship with the Police who regularly visit school to talk with students on issues connected to crime prevention and personal safety.

You may be aware that the recently-published National Crime Survey indicated a 10% increase in recorded crime across Birmingham. In light of this, and the two incidents over these past few days, we will continue to talk to students about the importance of vigilance. We will advise, and would encourage you to re-iterate, that students conduct as much of their journey home with a friend and that they report any strange or concerning behaviour on their way to and from school to us.

It is also advisable that, on their journeys to and from school, they refrain from exposing any expensive personal technology, such as mobile phones.

We will heighten the staff presence on the school gate between 8am to 8.30am and between 3.00pm to 3.30pm and will remind students of the extensive support networks they have access to should they have any reason to feel un-safe. Please encourage them to make use of these, and please do get in touch with school if you wish to discuss this further or if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

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