

# SAFEGUARDING

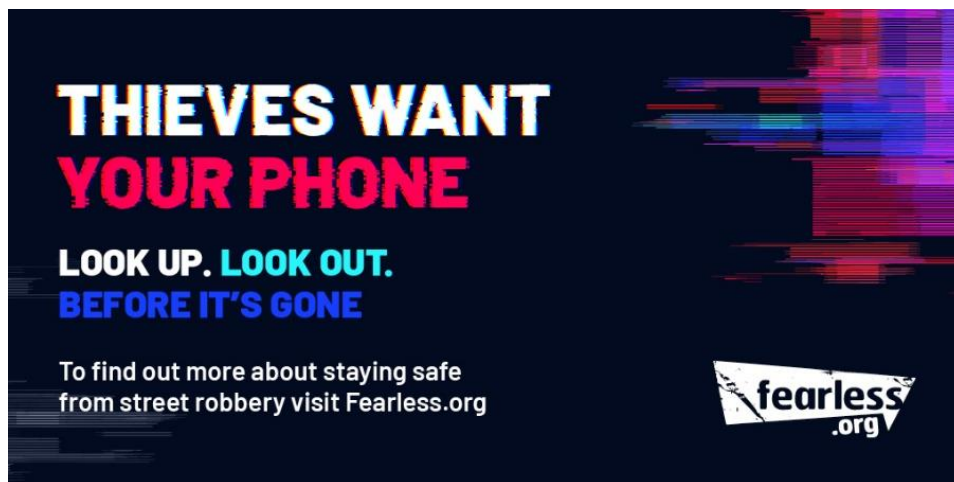


## School Aged Robbery

Trinity Catholic High School is working with the Metropolitan Police and the Charity Fearless in a campaign to raise awareness of the risk of street robbery and how to prevent it. Fearless is the youth brand of the independent charity Crimestoppers, which enables young people to give information about crime 100% anonymously.

Mobile phone use, including the use of earphones on the go, can unfortunately make young people more at risk of street robbery.

Therefore, the campaign aims to raise awareness of the risks of street robbery and increase understanding by equipping our young people with crime prevention advice.



### Key Messages:

- When out and about – be aware of your surroundings
- Stay alert when walking along the road for criminals who might use bikes/ mopeds or e-scooters to snatch phones/valuables
- Avoid using your mobile phone in public or having valuables on display, such as earpods or headphones, which make you more vulnerable as you are less aware of your surroundings
- Consider turning on the GOS on your phone when out and about, this can also be helpful to Officers when attempting to locate stolen phones.
- Plan your route and use forms of transport that others are using and avoid shortcuts in isolated places.
- Don't confront a thief – it's not worth risking your own safety for possessions that can be replaced.
- If you witness a robbery or know of any information and do not want to pass this on to the police, you can remain 100% anonymous using the secure online form at [Fearless.org](https://www.fearless.org)
- If you are ever in immediate danger, or if you see a robbery taking place, call 999 for an emergency response.

### What is Fearless?



Fearless, part of independent charity, Crimestoppers, provides young people access to non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. They provide a safe place to give information about crime that is 100% anonymous.

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When giving information through their online form, no personal details are taken and their anonymity promise has never been broken.

When contacting Fearless, they guarantee that:

- You give information about crime without giving your name or any personal details.
- You will not be asked for your gender or age
- They will not record any personal details you might mention.
- They cannot trace your email or IP address as their system is designed to protect your identity.

Information given by young people can play a part in reducing street robbery

## STAY SAFE GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

**We want children to be as safe as possible on the school journey.**

- Stay aware of your surroundings when walking.
- Try not to walk along with your phone or valuables out on show.
- Plan your route and use forms of transport others are using.
- Avoid shortcuts in isolated places.
- Don't confront a thief or risk your own safety.

**Robbery is a serious crime that should be reported, this includes any attempts to rob victims of their property.**

**IF YOU SEE A ROBBERY TAKING PLACE OR HAVE JUST BEEN ROBBED CALL 999.  
OR REPORT IS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ON 101 OR AT MET.POLICE.UK**

Please see the following Advice Sheet for Parents and young people and if you would like any further information, please contact [Mr John Doherty](#), our Designated Safeguarding Lead who works closely with our Safer Schools Officer from the Metropolitan Police.

# STREET ROBBERY

**Robbery is when force is used or threatened to steal items. Robbery is a serious crime that should be reported, this includes any attempts to rob people of their property.**

## HOW CAN I STAY SAFE?

- Be aware of your surroundings when out and about.
- Avoid using your mobile phone in public or having valuables on show, such as earpods or headphones.
- Stay alert when walking along the road - criminals might use bikes, mopeds or e-scooters to snatch phones/valuables.
- Plan your route and use forms of transport that others are using and avoid shortcuts in isolated places.
- Consider turning on your phone's GPS when out and about, this can help officers when locating stolen phones.

## IF YOU ARE A VICTIM

**Crime prevention advice can help reduce your chances of being robbed, but it may still happen to you. It can be a frightening experience and leave you feeling worried afterwards, especially if you felt threatened or violence was used. Talking to a parent or adult you trust can help.**

## KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT STREET ROBBERY?

**If you have any information about street robbery taking place in your area, you can tell us what you know 100% anonymously at [Fearless.org](https://www.fearless.org)**

## IF YOU SEE A ROBBERY TAKING PLACE...

**Thieves may use force or threatening behaviour. It's better to hand items over than risk your own safety.**

**If you see a robbery or one has just taken place call police on [999](tel:999). You can still report later on [101](tel:101) or online.**