



Dear Parents/Guardians

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of home security to you. As we head into the Christmas period, criminality will be at its highest.

Criminals will seek any opportunity to find any weakness or complacency in home and vehicle security. An example of this could be a car left unlocked overnight, with potentially valuable items within, such as a sat nav or dash cam. Another could be a house window/door being left unlocked, allowing easy access into your property.

There are now also reasonably cheap and highly effective security devices available on the market that would far outweigh the stress and financial strain of replacing your personal property.

In recent years the availability of high-quality CCTV systems, including remotely accessed doorbell cameras, have proven very effective in both acting as a deterrent and in assisting Police with their investigations.

The most effective action however is to be vigilant, communicate with your local community and neighbours to alert them to any suspicious activity, and most of all, to report any observations to Merseyside Police at the first opportunity. A good indicator for this, would be to think **'If it has made you look twice and question it without reasonable explanation, it may be worthwhile reporting it.'**

The sooner we can respond to it, the better chance we have of a positive outcome.

Regards,

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