

St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

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Our Vision

To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).

20 October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

INCIDENTS OUTSIDE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

I am writing to let you know of a couple of incidents that occurred outside the school this week.

Yesterday a member of staff was assaulted outside St Mary's Church just before 8am on their way into school, and a mobile phone was taken. This morning, staff witnessed a further assault in the passageway by the church – this time a handbag and mobile phone were stolen.

The assailant was a young white male dressed all in black and riding a bicycle. On one of the days he was wearing a black balaclava. The incidents were reported to the police immediately and the police Safer Neighbourhood Team will be monitoring the area closely.

We urge parents, carers and families to be extra vigilant on their way to and from school, particularly between Ladywell Station and the school. If you have children in Year 5 or 6 that travel to school independently, please talk to them about the importance of staying safe, not using their mobile phones in public and where possible sticking to pavements on main roads.

Please be assured that we are taking these matters extremely seriously and we will continue to maintain a strong staff presence outside the school gates at drop-off and collection times.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Christine Graham
Returning Officer

