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Dear Sir/Madame,

Re: increase in crime in our local community

We, the undersigned, would like to bring to your attention our concern about the increase in robberies and muggings in our local community. In recent months, we have seen an exponential increase in crime that is creating a climate of fear.

As a school, we have strong links with the residents in our postcode, and look to influence greener lifestyle choices which include walking and cycling instead of car usage. However, the recent spate of crime, which has severely impacted children as well adults alike, is influencing negatively the lifestyle choices we as a community can make, as we are in fear of our personal safety and that of our children when we walk the streets around our school, in particular, now that the days are shorter during winter months.

This issue is impacting not just the local community but also members of staff who might be travelling to school on foot or by bike in the early and after school hours. Quite a few members of our staff have personally experienced mugging or an attempted mugging. Furthermore, some staff members' children have also been subjected to muggings, some more violent than others.

In light of the global focus on climate change and the need for everybody to lead a carbon neutral life, we feel that it is imperative that the council and the government addresses the issues we are facing, which are preventing us from positively contributing to a greener community.

Our children have the right to live in a safe environment, where they are able to thrive through leading healthy lifestyles that include the ability to walk safely around their neighbourhood and to their school.

We have noticed that many of these crimes are being committed by very young people, which is also a concern and points to the lack of youth activities and safe spaces available to help those young people make more positive choices.

We, as a school, are doing our utmost to educate our children through PSHE lessons, assemblies and our values to develop into responsible global citizens. However, a coordinated effort is required to ensure our children and community can indeed achieve this goal.

Better lighting, particularly in alleyways and parks; more CCTV cameras; youth clubs; the establishment of guardians of the community who can act as positive role models and mentors to our young adults. We strongly believe that these measures, along with an increased and visible police presence, are needed to tackle this issue and to support us as a school, as well as the local community.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,