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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you regarding a borough-wide initiative that we would like to introduce in to the schools across the borough.

School Watch is an intelligence-led initiative to promote safety, reduce violent crime and potentially bullying and provide reassurance to young people when travelling to and from school.

The initiative, which has been running since 2011 in some parts of London, sees schools and police working together to identify key routes, transport hubs or any problem locations for pupils travelling to and from schools, where there might have been incidents of violence, robbery or bullying for example. Teachers and volunteers then provide a high-visibility presence along these routes at key times of the day to provide reassurance to pupils on their way into and home from school.

Police can provide support and advice, but the scheme is owned and run by the school and can be tailored to your individual needs, including key routes or any problem areas/locations.

We are also asking for support from the local business community to help provide further crime data and the locations of any CCTV cameras so we are able to map any crime hotspots and camera coverage to assist with the scheme.

Contact me to discuss further, how we can improve safety for your school community.

Yours sincerely,

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