

School Holidays

The six week summer holidays are fast approaching and the local schools will close. Historically during this time in some parts of Lancashire, Police in have noticed a spike in burglaries taking place on school premises presumably due to being easier targets when closed over the summer period.

We would ask relevant staff at local schools to take appropriate crime prevention steps to avoid burglaries taking place. Some of the simplest things listed below may seem obvious but they are things that the Police do see when attending commercial burglaries in general.

1. Make sure that all doors and windows are fully locked and secure, not left on latches or open.
2. If skeleton staffing is in place, do not leave doors and windows open if you are not going to be present in that particular area of the building.
3. Do not leave cash on the premises - even in locked safes or cash boxes. These can be and are often removed during burglaries and broken into at a later time once away from the crime scene.
4. Ensure that any fitted CCTV is fully functional and recording successfully.
5. Keep access gates locked where possible to make entry and exit routes more difficult for any potential criminals.
6. Consider the implementation of the Smartwater property marking system or similar. Speak to a member of your Neighbourhood Policing Team for further details on this.
7. Ensure that contact details for the Police are readily available to any staff who may be on site over the summer period.

In emergencies call 999

For general Police enquiries call 101