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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Knife crime awareness session – parent information**

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we would like to inform you that children in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be attending a knife crime awareness session on **Thursday 2nd July 2026**.

The session will be delivered by an external provider who is a nationally recognised speaker working closely with schools to educate children about the serious consequences of knife crime. The work is widely respected for its authenticity and impact.

We would like to make you aware that this session will be hard-hitting, real and powerful. The provider shares their own personal experiences to highlight the devastating impact that knife crime can have on individuals, families and communities. The content is age-appropriate but intentionally direct in order to ensure that children fully understand the risks, consequences and life-changing effects associated with carrying or using a weapon.

Our aim in providing this session is to:

- Raise awareness of the dangers of knife crime
- Equip children with the knowledge to make safe and responsible choices
- Encourage open discussion around personal safety and peer influence
- Reinforce our commitment to child welfare and safeguarding

We recognise that some children may find aspects of the session emotional and appropriate support will be available in school for any child who may wish to talk following the presentation.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep our children informed and empowered to keep themselves and other children safe.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Williams  
Assistant Principal / Designated Safeguarding Lead