

22nd October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Police and schools in the Leeds area are committed to working together to protect our young people from becoming victims of knife and weapons crime.

In Year 5 and Year 6, the Police will be coming into class to deliver a lesson all about how to keep safe, reporting to safe adults and the consequences of weapon related crimes. Through PSHE lessons, assemblies and the wider curriculum we strive to prepare our pupils for transition to high school and increased independence.

By all working together we can better protect our young people and help them feel safe, understand that carrying a weapon only increases the risks in many ways and ensure they understand the consequences this can have on many lives.

SCHOOL POLICY FOR WEAPONS POSSESSION

It is essential that we work together to reduce the chances of children bringing a weapon to school. Ours, like most other schools, will take firm action in relation to any student found to be carrying a knife, both on and off the school premises, and the police will be informed.

THE POLICE RESPONSE TO WEAPONS POSSESSION

Where young people are involved in crime, the police will try to avoid criminalising them; however, carrying a knife or other weapon is very serious and the most likely result will be a charge and court appearance or a caution delivered by the Youth Offending Service.

Your child's talk will take place on 16th November. Staff will be on hand support with any follow-up questions.

If you would like to discuss the content of the lessons in more detail before they begin, please contact myself by Friday 5th November.

Yours sincerely,

Kirsty Giles
PSHE Lead