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Dear Parents / Carers

As you will be aware, there has been a great deal of media coverage of knife crime in the London area. The School would like to do everything possible to raise student awareness of the issues surrounding, not only knife crime, but the significant negative consequences that can result in our community.

During PSHE lessons, students explore the potential personal, social, legal and emotional consequences of knife crime and are signposted to additional help and support both in and out of school, should this be required. These *Knife Free* lessons use resources provided by the Home Office and reflect best practice and up-to-date guidance. The English Curriculum Area have used this topical issue as a focus allowing our Key Stage 3 students to explore the related issues in even greater detail.

As part of an on-going partnership in the campaign against knife crime, Heston, supported by our Safer Schools Officers, is committed to working together to protect our young people from knives and other weapons. One of these strategies is the use of a knife arch to screen students on a termly basis, not only to ensure students' safety, but also to raise awareness amongst all our community and keep an effective focus on this issue which is affecting London.

It is important that the School, families and the police work together to protect our children and communities. We recognise that parents have a vital role to play in this campaign. Please talk to your children about the dangers of carrying weapons and reinforce the message of how we can keep all our community safe.

Yours faithfully

Margot Currie  
Assistant Headteacher