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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Sandwell police is working with all secondary schools across the borough to help reduce the vulnerability of young people to knife crime.

We are working jointly with Sandwell council, school councils and head teachers to understand the reasons behind a small number of our youth carrying weapons.

Every Sandwell secondary school will be taking part in a number of activities in coming months, which are designed to challenge young people's thinking and to raise awareness on the consequences of carrying a knife.

We want to educate school children and ultimately prevent them from becoming a victim or an offender in the future.

One of the key elements of this programme is the use of a walk-through metal detection arch in all secondary schools. The purpose of this knife arch is to detect anyone carrying a weapon and to deter them from doing so.

The checks will be conducted sporadically across all schools and we believe this to be an open and transparent way in which to protect schools pupils and members of our community.

Each school will ensure that the metal detection activity is carried out in a friendly, positive and educational way; with an opportunity for debate and discussion to be opened up.

We are committed to creating a safe environment for everyone in Sandwell and look forward to working with you.

Chief Superintendent Richard Baker
Sandwell Neighbourhood Policing Unit
Chair Sandwell Police and Schools Panel

Jan Britton Chief Executive
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

