

Re: KH/RP/FS/Knife Arch

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Knife Arch

Dear Parents & Carers,

West Midlands Police contacted us recently with regard to their #LifeorKnife campaign. #LifeOrKnife encourages children to talk about knife crime with parents, teachers and peers and aims to reduce levels of knife crime across the West Midlands area.

As part of ongoing reduction work, the police have asked if we would be happy to host a knife arch in school to help raise awareness of the dangers of carrying a knife. As a result of this partnership, pupils from a year group of our choice will be asked to pass through a knife arch whilst in school at some point this term. This will take place regularly throughout the academic year at school. All pupils will be involved at some stage in the year.

We will have a number of police officers on site who will operate the arch whilst talking to pupils and answering any questions they have about the campaign and about how to keep themselves safe in the community. The offer of the knife arch is likely to be extended to a number of schools across the borough.

I would like to stress that there is no suggestion that Barr Beacon School is at any particular risk of being either victims or perpetrators of knife crime, and nor is there any suggestion that Barr Beacon School pupils are bringing knives into school. In fact, pupils have routinely suggested in pupil voice that having a knife arch would make them feel reassured in our community and positively ask for this process.

The presence of the knife arch is part of an ongoing campaign to raise young people's awareness of these important issues. If you have any questions about this, please contact via postbox@barrbeaconschool.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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