

Thursday 17th February 2022

Dear parents and carers,

West Midlands Police are working very closely with all secondary schools across the West Midlands to help reduce the vulnerability of young people to knife crime. Unfortunately, we are all aware from the press that knife crime does sadly exist in our society, and it would be remiss of us as a school, to not do all we can to educate our young people to try to keep them safe from crime.

At the request of West Midlands Police, The Arthur Terry School, along with many other schools across the West Midlands, have agreed for the police to come into school to use a walk-through metal detection arch. This will occur at The Arthur Terry School during the first week back after half-term (week beginning 28th February 2022). We will not inform students of the date or time in advance, but we can inform you that this activity will occur at some point that week following the guidance from West Midlands Police. We would like to assure you, as parents and carers, that the metal detection activity will be carried out in a friendly, positive, and educational way. Police officers from West Midlands Police will be leading on this activity and will be coming into school to discuss the process with staff prior to it happening.

In addition, on Monday 28th February the Precious Lives team are coming into school to deliver workshops around knife crime and the impact it has on everyone's lives to our students in Years 9 and 10. All students will also all be participating in activities that week during tutor time that will discuss the problems that our society faces with respect to knife crime and how students can ensure that they keep themselves safe. As a school, we clearly want to educate our students and ultimately prevent them from potentially becoming a victim of knife crime in the future. Please do discuss this letter with your child as we hope that this will be a catalyst to discussions about how your child can keep himself/herself safe. We thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Your faithfully,

Mrs Kibble

Headteacher