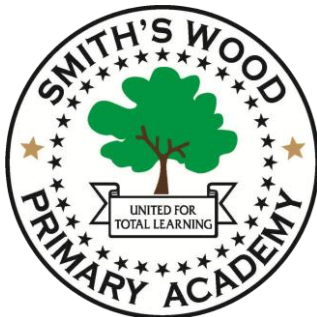


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Dear Parents/Carers,



Police and schools in the Borough are committed to working together to protect our young people from becoming victims of knife and weapons crime. We are fully aware that recent events, both locally and nationally, have impacted on communities and individuals. We want to offer reassurance that we continue to work with schools and partners in a joint effort to ensure safety of your children.

We use a range of tactics, with a heavy focus on education, intervention and prevention. This includes educational inputs, assisting schools with in-school searches (knife arch operations), area weapon sweeps, and utilising interactive media to ensure that students are well-informed about the consequences of carrying weapons.

I want to send a clear message, that those found in possession of a knife or weapon in school or any public place will be arrested.

It is important that the police, schools and families work together to protect young people. To do this, parents must be aware of the warning signs and talk to children about carrying weapons. They can be uncomfortable and potentially upsetting conversations, but the consequences of being found in possession of a knife are serious and long lasting, affecting education, employment and travel opportunities, but most crucially, life.

Online retailers have ID checks and policies on selling weapons and knives. It is illegal to sell a knife to anyone under the age of 18.

Talk to your child if you see they have ordered knives or a weapon online, or have received a package you were not expecting. It can be difficult but we have plenty of tips and advice available on our website to help you start THAT conversation. Visit our Life or Knife website [here](#)

If you discover a knife or weapon, be sure to wrap it up safely and securely. You can then either surrender this over at your local police station or a weapon surrender bin. If you find a kitchen knife or sharp tool in your child's bedroom make sure it is secured and check your child is unharmed before you talk to them

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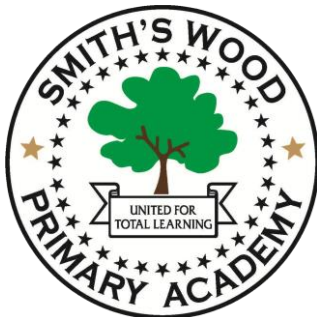
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If you are concerned about knife crime in your area, or see something suspicious, get in touch today

→ [Report a crime | West Midlands Police](#) or call 101.

Alternative information, and ability to submit intelligence on knife crime, or other crime concerns can be found via [Give information about crime 100% anonymously | Fearless | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](#)

Follow your local police social media accounts to keep up to date with the latest advice and information.

Remember in an emergency, call 999.

Yours sincerely,

Sergeant Bruton

Early Help / School Intervention and Prevention Officers

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