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**Your Ref:**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Next week, we are going to be talking about the very serious issue of knife crime with our students. Knife crime refers to carrying and using knives. As you have probably seen in the news, this is an issue that greatly affects young people as children as young as 9 have been caught carrying knives. This makes it an important issue for us to educate children and young people about, so they can help keep themselves and others safe from harm.

These lesson materials have been created by VotesforSchools. You will find more information on the topic below.

In this lesson, your child will explore the issue of knife crime; what makes young people want to carry knives and what solutions could be/are being offered to reduce the number of youths carrying knives. Your child will be signposted to places where they can go should they need more information or someone to talk to. It is likely that after the lesson, your child may want to talk to you about knife crime at home.

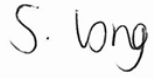
If you would like further information on protecting young people from knife crime, please consider looking at the guidance below:

- [Crimestoppers has information on knife crime and a link for reporting crime anonymously:](https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/community-family/knife-crime)  
<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/community-family/knife-crime>
- #knifefree has advice if you're worried about a young person carrying a knife  
<https://www.knifefree.co.uk/worried-young-person/>
- If you are worried about a child, you can call the NSPCC's professional counsellors 24/7 for help, advice or support on: 0808 800 5000
- [www.fearless.org](http://www.fearless.org) – which is crime stoppers for kids. 100% anonymous for young people to report crime or concerns and also has lots of useful information and resources for adults too.

We look forward to having these conversations next week with our students.

Please do contact your child's team lead on 0121 556 1351 if you have any questions.

Kind regards,



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