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Youth Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Education

Since 2019, many areas within Greater Manchester have seen an increase in violence and violent crime. Greater Manchester Police are seeing more young people become involved, with 20% of those who are caught carrying a knife being under 18 years of age. Within our local community, we have recently seen a serious crime involving knives of which our pupils are aware of but were not involved in.

As a school, we feel we are well placed to inform and educate our young people of the risks and dangers of becoming involved with violent crime including carrying a knife and anti-social behaviour. This is how we shall approach the subject:

We shall be supporting GMP in their **Knives Take Lives** campaign. As an inner-city school, we want to support the police in keeping our community safe.

Through our PSHCE curriculum we shall be discussing positive aspects of citizenship in class, and welcoming **guest speakers** who have been both victims and perpetrators of crime, as part of our early prevention and intervention offer, to deliver assemblies and workshops.

As per our behaviour and safeguarding policies, we will be undertaking **schoolbag checks** at certain points across the year.

We shall also be supporting the police in their campaign by having an **amnesty bin** within the front area of school. Many young people carry sharp items for many different reasons and are often scared or worried when they do. The purpose of the bin is to allow a safe space to deposit these items and to safeguard all. The police have proactively removed over 550 knives from their bins across the city through this campaign.

You might have noticed an **increase of Police and PSCO presence** before and after school, which is part of the partnership work to develop positive relationships between the police, school and the local community.

Furthermore, we also feel it is important to work in partnership with our parents and local community on the matter. Therefore, in April, we will be holding our first **community hub event**. This will involve the police, school and community coming together to discuss what we can do to challenge the rise of crime in our area.

If you are interested in attending, please could you complete the attached form and tell us what you feel should be included in the agenda in this session or in future ones. If you would like to be involved in assisting in the organising of these sessions, please contact myself via email: safeguarding@deantrustardwick.co.uk

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Yours sincerely,

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