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Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware from the local and national media that knife crime remains an ongoing concern across the whole country. As a school, St Olave's is committed to ensuring our students are kept safe and that they are informed of the dangers that exist in society. In order to achieve this, we are working closely with the local Police Youth Team to ensure that our students are aware of the dangers of knives and to help keep them safe.

We work closely with the school's Police Liaison Officer, PC Bruce Anton, who regularly comes into school. RSHE lessons are used to outline information regarding the legal position on knives and consider the impact that knife crime has on families and communities. We welcome the presence of the local police in school and are grateful to them for their role in helping keep the school community safe and informed. Part of this work involves the police bringing into school at random times a Knife Arch.

For further information on the topics of knife crime and drug use, please see the following resources:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/crime-law/gun-knife-crime/>

<https://www.met.police.uk/StopKnifeCrime>

Your support with ensuring the safety of our students is hugely valued and we are confident that working together with you and the local police we can keep our students safe.

Yours sincerely

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