



Friday 7th January 2022

Dear parents/carers,

As part of the Year 6 PSHE curriculum, our Year 6 pupils are taught about how they can keep themselves safe in the wider world. During this particular topic, they will be taught about the dangers and repercussions of drug possession and knife crime in the UK. Over the coming weeks, Year 6 will be visited by local PCSO officers who will be talking to the children about drugs and knife crime awareness.

Both drug use and possession and knife crime are topics that are handled with care in school as it is important to make our young people aware of the risks involved, however we are also aware that this is a topic of conversation that can raise many questions and concerns from the children. As the children will be keen to share what they have learnt in school with you, we wanted to make you aware of the content of the PCSOs presentations and share two video resources that demonstrate the risks and consequences of carrying a knife.

The first video depicts a young boy who gets into a fight with another child. As he is carrying a knife, he ends up injuring the other child in the fight and he is sent to prison. The full video clip can be found here should you wish to watch it in advance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RdyBsMnzy_A

The next video tells the story of a teenage boy called 'Sean' who also chooses to carry a knife. After an altercation with some other teenagers, he ends up being injured by the knife himself. The video then outlines statistics relating to knife crime in the UK. The full video clip can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6w93L24A6Ws>

During their drugs workshop, the children will be made aware of the differences between medicines and drugs, the dangers of using and possessing illegal drugs and the legal consequences regarding this.

'Keeping yourself safe in the wider world' is an integral part of our Year 6 curriculum, particularly in preparing the children to transition into secondary school. Should you have any concerns or would like to talk about this lesson in more detail, please contact your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Gibbins
Head of School.