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**Headteacher: Mrs. S. Walker**

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Re: Year 6 Gangs and Knife Workshop**

I am delighted to inform you that we will be teaming up with West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership to deliver two virtual reality (VR) sessions to educate our children around two prevalent issues in today's society: Gangs and Knives. The partnership will deliver the two sessions in small groups to the class **on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

Both sessions are VR films and 'choose-your-own-path' experiences. The session based on knife crime, explores the reasons why young people may carry a weapon, and what the consequences of this might be. The session based on gang crime, explores the reasons why young people may become victims of gang culture, and what the consequences of this might be.

Both sessions and experiences:

- Are age appropriate experiences.
- Aim to educate children and young people about the dangers of knife crime, in an innovative and engaging way.
- Allow a safe space for children and young people to explore the topic, ask questions and gain an understanding in how to make positive choices.
- Cover themes of peer pressure; community; the police; and risk-taking behaviour.
- Look at the impact knife crime can have on children, young people, families, and the wider communities.
- Explores, raises awareness of, and dispels the myths of knife crime and gang culture.
- The VR film does not show any weapons or scenes of violence, and has been written and filmed by professionally trained trauma-informed specialists.

We feel it is important for your child to take part in educational visits, and yet, if you do not want your child to participate in either or both sessions, please inform Mr Richards or Mrs Batchelor in person or via email on [Y6teacher@wodensfield.org](mailto:Y6teacher@wodensfield.org) before Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Similarly, if you require more information, please do not hesitate to speak with us.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr L. Gould  
**Deputy Headteacher**

