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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are writing to inform you of the Wolverhampton Police and Schools Panel, an initiative we are leading on in conjunction with other city wide primary schools and Wolverhampton Police.

This project has developed a working relationship between schools and the police over several years, which has helped to break down barriers and reduce the incidences of crime and anti-social behaviour. The two-way communication is a positive mechanism to prevent small incidents from escalating into more serious crimes.

The initiative involves school senior leaders meeting with local senior police officers every half term to discuss local issues, areas of concern and identify how police and schools can work together to tackle and ultimately reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. The police will share information of issues that may affect students, with senior leaders in the respective school. The purpose of the information sharing is to ensure schools are more aware of incidents and wider community issues, enabling us to talk to, support and potentially help our own students and families to deal with and overcome problems they may be experiencing.

As part of this initiative, we work closely with Early Help Police Staff within school on both group and a one-to-one basis to deliver additional support and intervention to students. Occasionally, we will take part in events to promote safety such as the Junior PCSO Programme designed to give students confidence to become positive and safer members of the community.

We wish to make it clear that we are taking this opportunity to improve the working relationships between all services that help to educate and keep our young people safe. We see this as very much a positive initiative to make the area in which we live and work a safer and more harmonious community.

Should you have any queries, please do contact the school directly.

Yours Sincerely,

*Martin Danher*

Police Chief Inspector

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Head Teacher