



17th November 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

National Knife Crime Awareness Week

Earlier this week, we wrote to you regarding the Knife Arch we had in place at the School gates to support the National Weapons Awareness Week running across the country.

In the last 72 hours, we have received communications from the public, regarding concerns that students were seen emptying their bags into the bushes along London Road.

Following a thorough search by plain clothes Police Officers, as well as staff from the School, we are pleased to be able to report that no weapons were found. We did, however, find a number of discarded vapes.

We have written to parents in the past regarding vapes as we are aware that this has become a social trend amongst our young community. We believe the vapes we found are from students who, on seeing a police presence at the School, feared their bags would be searched and so took action to hide them.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank those members of the community who got in contact with us for their diligence.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Wardle
Lead Deputy Headteacher

Mrs E Curtis
Assistant Headteacher