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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that officers visited the school this morning with a knife arch as part of a borough-wide safety initiative here in Reading.

All secondary schools in the area take part in this process. It is a routine and preventative measure designed to reinforce an important message about safety and the serious consequences of carrying prohibited items.

I am pleased to say that our students conducted themselves exceptionally well. They approached the situation with maturity, respect and calmness, and they clearly understood the seriousness of the message being shared. The officers commented positively on our students' behaviour and cooperation throughout.

Knife crime remains a serious danger locally and nationally. Educational initiatives such as this are an important part of keeping young people safe and reinforcing our shared responsibility to look after one another.

I was extremely proud of how our students represented the school today. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment for everyone.

Yours sincerely,



Andy Hartley
Headteacher

