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To all parents/carers of Y6 children,

I am writing to inform you that your child will be taking part in our Operation Sceptre week, it is set to run from 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May across the country. However, we're aware this is SATs week for the students, so this has therefore been considered and a suitable time has been arranged with the headteacher of your child's school.

Some of you may be aware of Op Sceptre already and others may not. It's a week-long national campaign which is aimed at tackling knife crime. Although it has a heavy focus on enforcement activity, it's also about education and wider awareness of knife crime. As part of the operation, people are encouraged to leave unwanted knives in the amnesty bins at a designated police station.

*From the NPCC, "Op Sceptre intensification weeks are a chance for all police forces to demonstrate collective activity to remove knives from our communities, while showcasing the wider work that continues in education and early intervention, but the focus must always be on looking further upstream".*

We will be visiting all local primary schools to deliver a presentation-based session about knife crime. This includes the dangers and implications of carrying a knife, who to report to if they know anybody who is carrying one and some general support regarding knife crime.

We think that this is a very important topic to speak to young people about, and our aim of the presentation is to raise awareness but also to prevent young people from carrying a knife in the future. We thank you for your cooperation in this and if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the email above.

Kind regards,  
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