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Dear Parents

In December 2007, Denefield was the first school in West Berkshire to take steps with outside partners to educate young people about the dangers they could face, if they, or people they are with, take the decision to carry a knife. At the time, the session was delivered to Years 8 - 13, therefore Year 7 at that time did not benefit.

I am writing to inform you that on Monday 30 March your son/daughter will be amongst the first in Berkshire to experience an educational event, run as part of Operation Blunt, the Thames Valley Police campaign tackling knife crime and raising awareness of the dangers of carrying knives.

We are pleased to have been given the opportunity for our Year 8 students to benefit from the presentations which Years 9 - 13 have already experienced, and these will be led by the Police and ex-prisoners. I am sure that you as parents can see the value of offering students the opportunity to understand how decisions they make in life can have 'real' consequences.

There will then be follow-up during the PSHE session on Wednesday 1 April, to reinforce the educational messages given on Monday 30 March.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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**Deputy Headteacher**