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Dear Mrs Sutton,

I am writing to thank you for the support from all at Dormston School following today's successful Screening Device Police Operation. We were delighted to have so many members of staff available to support us and the students. We were very happy that **NO WEAPONS WERE LOCATED** as every student at your school was subjected to this check. Mrs Elliot and Mr Amos did a fantastic job with the planning of the event and organising the staff and students. All students were very well behaved, well-mannered and were a credit to your school.

Recent statistics reveal that 99% of 10-29 year olds do not carry a knife although when a knife is used in a crime the consequences can be devastating.

Dormston School is not of a concern regarding intelligence or incidents relating to weapons or knife crime, however I am under no illusion that any young person across the country could find themselves in a situation where they feel they may need to carry a knife or be confronted by someone carrying a knife. You may be aware that most knife crime is linked to robberies and most knife crime is not gang related.

By working closely with you and your school we are in a position to educate the young people of Dudley regarding knife crime, current trends, statistics and how to keep safe.

The purpose of the screening device is to identify any young person that is in possession of a weapon but also to raise the profile of knife crime allowing students to talk about any issues they may have. Whilst this academic year has been particularly difficult to offer education inputs, we are grateful that we have been able to offer year group assemblies and one to one work where required.

Please share this good news with all students, parents and members of the community. I hope that it is reassuring to report that Dormston School is a safe school and has a very healthy partnership with West Midlands Police.

Yours Sincerely,

AGPeters

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