



Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: The safety of children and young people in Bromley**

You will be aware of the dedicated Schools' Police Officers already working within all of our schools and colleges to provide general advice to students, and respond to and investigate issues involving children and young people reported to the police, including providing support to the victims of crime.

Our students will become more familiar with the work of the police and the officers who will be visible around school/college. They are also likely to be delivering assemblies, talking with groups of students and supporting teachers and leaders in the delivery of aspects of our Personal Development curriculum.

As we work in partnership to address and respond to priorities, including violence against women and girls and personal safety, our schools have all committed to "School Safe" protocols in support of our work to safeguard the children and young people in our schools and local community.

This is a shared commitment to the safety of children and young people in Bromley and follows recent joint discussions on collaborative working between Bromley secondary schools, colleges and other educational settings, the Local Authority and the Metropolitan Police.

Students, parents and carers may therefore see a range of preventative activities being undertaken in our schools as we inform, educate and prioritise the safeguarding of our young people. These activities may include:

- Youth panels providing students with an opportunity to meet regularly with Safer Schools Officers and discuss issues of relevance to them and their peers
- School patrols outside schools
- Talks on such topics as hate crime, knife crime awareness, online safety, child sexual abuse and criminal exploitation.
- School community drugs and weapon sweeps
- Knife crime awareness talks – crimes and consequences.
- Knife arches in school, building on existing practice in a number of our schools and colleges

If you would like to discuss this in more detail, please contact your child's individual school or college.

Thank you for your support, understanding and commitment to protecting your child and children and young people in Bromley.

Yours faithfully

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