

The Safer Harlow Partnership

Working together for a safer community

Community Safety Hub

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Subject: Knife crime awareness campaign in schools.

The Safer Harlow Partnership (SHP) is a group of organisations working together to reduce crime and disorder in the town. The partnership is led by Harlow Council, Essex Police, Essex County Fire and Rescue, Probation Service, Integrated Care Board and Essex County Council, working together for a safer Harlow. A key part of our mission is educating and engaging with young people about knife crime.

Essex Police are working closely with your child's secondary school and over the coming weeks, Police Officers from Harlow Community Policing Team will be attending your child's school at the beginning of the school day to educate the students around knife crime.

As well as talking to the students it will include a detection device being set up, (like airport security) which students will be invited to walk through. This is a great way of reassuring the pupils, staff and wider community that schools are a secure place where pupils can focus on their education. It aims to act as a deterrent to those that may consider carrying a weapon.

We must stress this activity is not in response to intelligence or specific events, it is part of educating and engaging with young people to help keep them and their communities safe.

For further information or if you have information about knife crime, search online [Stop knife crime | Essex Police](#)

Want to report anonymously? Crimestoppers is an independent charity you can anonymously report crime to, call 0800 555 111, or visit crimestoppers-uk.org

Yours faithfully

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