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Dear Parents/Carers of Year 6 pupils,

We are delighted to be teaming up with West Midlands Violence Reduction Partnership to deliver two Virtual Reality sessions to educate our pupils around two prevalent issues in today's society: Knives and Gangs. The partnership will deliver the two sessions in small groups to the class on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Both sessions are virtual reality films and 'choose-your-own-path' experiences. The session based on knife crime explores the reasons why young people may carry a weapon, and what the consequences of this might be. The session based on gang crime explores the reasons why young people may become victims of gang culture, and what the consequences of this might be.

#### The experiences:

- Are **age appropriate** experiences.
- Aim to educate young people about the dangers of knife crime, in an innovative and engaging way.
- Allow a **safe space** for young people to explore the topic, ask questions and gain an understanding in how to make **positive choices**.
- Cover themes of peer pressure; community; the police; and risk-taking behaviour.
- Explores, raises awareness of, and dispels the myths of knife crime and gang culture.
- Look at the impact knife crime can have on young people, families, and the wider communities.
- **The VR film does not show any weapons or scenes of violence and has been written and filmed by professionally trained trauma-informed specialists.**

If you would like more information, please speak with Mrs Kabil or Mrs Andrews. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kabil  
Headteacher

