

‘To The Edge’– Knife crime film and lesson plan

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Schools Officers from Merseyside Police will be delivering an educational package comprising of a short film and consequent workshop lesson plan aimed at deterring young people from carrying knives and dangerous weapons and we would like your permission for your child to take part.

The lesson will form part of the school curriculum to encourage primary aged pupils (Year 6) to think twice before leaving the house, armed with a knife.

Why is this important?

Often when speaking to young people, they tell us that they are carrying a knife for their own protection. This is far from the truth and results show that those carrying a knife, are more likely to become a victim of knife crime.

The reason we are bringing the film ‘To The Edge’ and lesson plan to Year 6 pupils is because we are seeing younger children being coerced into gangs, getting involved in drug crime, serious violence and knife crime and we must work together to nip this in the bud; educating young people of the consequences and providing them with the means to aspire to a more positive future.

Tell me more about the film, ‘To The Edge’

‘To the Edge’ tells the story of a teenager who finds himself caught up in a gang, delivering drugs and carrying a weapon for his own safety. It highlights the build-up, and his reasons for becoming involved with the gang and the consequences of this.

Please note: The film does include very moderate bad language and realistic scenes linked to knife crime and drug dealing.

What do we need from you?

If you are happy for your child to view the video and take part in a follow up lesson, please sign below and return to school.

We hope that taking a more realistic look at the events in our area will educate our students to make more informed choices and enable them to help others that might find themselves caught up in similar situations.

Thank you for your cooperation, please sign the below and return this to school.

I **do / do not** give permission for to view the ‘To the Edge’ video and take part in the subsequent workshops.

Signed:

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