

Safeguarding Snapshot – 10.10.24

Talking to your children about the dangers of knives

As part of our PSHE programme students are taught about the dangers of knives. We want to share important information about knife crime and how you can have open conversations with your children about it.

Understanding Knife Crime: Knife crime is a serious issue that affects many communities. It can involve the carrying and use of knives in a harmful way, leading to devastating consequences. Understanding the factors that contribute to this problem (such as peer pressure, fear, and societal influences) is crucial for prevention.

Starting the Conversation: Here are some tips to help you talk to your children about knife crime:

1. **Create a Safe Space:** Encourage open dialogue by making it clear that they can talk to you without judgement. Listen actively and validate their feelings.
2. **Educate Them:** Share information about the dangers of carrying knives and the legal consequences involved. Help them understand the impact of knife crime on individuals and communities.
3. **Discuss Peer Pressure:** Talk about the importance of making safe choices, especially when it comes to peer influence. Encourage them to think critically about their friends and the situations they find themselves in.
4. **Empower Them:** Teach your children strategies for avoiding risky situations and how to seek help if they feel threatened. Emphasise that it's okay to walk away from confrontations.
5. **Be Informed:** Stay updated on local issues related to knife crime. Being informed can help you guide discussions and provide relevant examples.
6. **Model Positive Behavior:** Demonstrate how to handle conflict peacefully and promote non-violent solutions in your home.
7. **Seek Resources:** If you're concerned about your child's safety or behaviour, don't hesitate to contact the safeguarding team via the school office.

Additional information

[A guide to knife harm for parents and carers](#)

[Knife crime advice for parents | LiveSafe](#)

[Help if you're worried about your child and knife crime](#)

[Resources for parents and carers | The Ben Kinsella Trust](#)