



Aston Manor Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Student safety

As you are aware, knife crime is a concerning issue for all communities, and young people and are most likely to be impacted by knife crime. As part of our curriculum we explore and address these issues, educating students about personal safety and consequences.

We continue to work alongside the police to keep our community safe. As part of this drive the police have offered Aston Manor Academy along with other local schools the opportunity to be part of a knife arch programme. This will involve knife arches being placed within the building for students to walk through, to ensure that all members of our school community feel safe. The police will be on school site and administering this procedure with us. We want to re-inforce the message that we are a “safe school” with a zero tolerance to weapons. This will be taking place at some point during this term.

Students continue to report in questionnaires that they feel safe in school and we strive to keep our school a safe place. Any pupil found carrying a weapon will be excluded from school and reported to the police. If any student is concerned about weapons in or out of school they can report it on our SHARP system, or report it to a member of staff.

Lockdown

As part of Birmingham local authority, all public buildings are required to have a lockdown policy in place and to practice lockdown procedures once a year. This is a preventative safety measure, similar to a fire drill, whereby we check that we are able to carry out our procedures confidently and that all members of the school community are aware of our procedures.

Please can I remind you to keep school fully updated with your personal details particularly telephone numbers in case we need to contact you in an emergency. Please contact the school office with any changes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

J Sweeney
Headteacher

