

12<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you that Thames Valley Police are taking part in National Knife Crime Awareness week commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

Operation Sceptre is a national police operation to actively target knife crime and those who carry knives. Thames Valley Police are committing to a week of targeting knife crime hotspots, conducting weapon sweeps, engaging with affected communities and testing whether retailers will sell knives to young people.

A knife surrender bin has been placed into the following police stations for members of the public to dispose of knives during the week of action.

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE:**

- Amersham
- Aylesbury
- High Wycombe
- Milton Keynes

A national increase in knife crime means every force in England and Wales will join Operation Sceptre for one week from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Operation Sceptre has already seen strong results and continues to grow with more knife sweeps, more checks on retailers and ultimately more dangerous weapons taken off our streets.

Further information and advice will be posted on social media – follow us on Twitter TVP\_Wycombe.

**If you have any information about the possession of knives or criminal activity relating to this type of crime, please report online via our website or call 101. Alternatively, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.**

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