



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Visit from K9 Deployment

As a school we take the safeguarding of our students very seriously and we do all we can to ensure that students feel safe on our site, so they can concentrate on learning and growing as individuals.

With County Lines reaching out from major cities and young people in the local area having easier access to cannabis and other drugs it is vital that as a school we do all we can to ensure that we continue to have a drug free site. With this in mind, between now and the end of the year, we will be inviting K9 Deployment back to the school again with one of their search dogs. All sniffer dogs and their handlers from K9 Deployment are trained and accredited to Association of Chief Police Officer (ACPO) standards. In addition, we will be ensuring that they are compliant with our COVID control measures.

We are conscious that we may have students who feel a little nervous around dogs and we will be sensitive to this on the day they visit. Furthermore, our first aid team will advise us on any student who has an allergy to dogs. A member of our inclusion team will be present at all times to support.

We have the support of Thames Valley Police and our local police community support team with this initiative. This work is in addition to the education we provide students through PSHE and parents through our parent conferences.

Should you need any further advice, or wish to discuss this in more detail, please contact the school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibson  
Headteacher