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Dear Parent/Guardian

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 to our counties, young people in the local area have easier access to cannabis and other drugs and we feel it is our responsibility as a school, to do everything we can do, to ensure that we continue to have a drug free site.

With this in mind, we will be inviting K9 Deployment back to the school again with one of their search dogs, this will be an unannounced visit and is something we will continue to repeat at appropriate intervals during the school year. All sniffer dogs and their handlers from K9 Deployment are trained and accredited to Association of Chief Police Officer (ACPO) standards and are accompanied by a senior member of staff at all times.

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 is allergic to dogs.

We have the support of Thames Valley Police and our local police community support team with this initiative. Should you need any further advice, or wish to discuss this in more detail, please contact me at the school.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Stephanie Bendall
Deputy Headteacher
Pastoral, Behaviour & SEN