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Dear Parent/Guardian

Knife Crime Awareness and Workshop

We have been contacted by the parents of Olly Stevens who tragically lost his life to knife crime. They have shared with us 'The Ben Kinsella Trust' who are putting on free parenting workshop to give parents the opportunity to learn about knife crime and what they can do to protect their children.

The workshop will be led by experts from The Ben Kinsella Trust and will cover a range of important topics, including the signs and effects of knife crime, how to talk to children about knife crime and how to spot warning signs in young people who may be at risk of involvement in knife crime.

Please click on the below link to sign up to The Ben Kinsella Trust, "Exploitation, Gangs & Knife Crime Workshop."

<https://benkinsella.org.uk/join-our-free-knife-crime-workshop-for-parents-and-carers/>

In addition, Olly's parents have asked that we share his story to our community. We feel as a school that it is important that parents and carers are aware of the issues raised and to look out for the warning signs to safeguard your children.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0018kg6>

Should you have any concerns about your child being involved in any form of crime/exploitation then please do not hesitate to contact myself as Designated Safeguarding Lead on the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

Mrs S Tanner

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