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Dear Parents/Carers,

Police and schools in the Borough are committed to working together to protect our young people from becoming victims of knife and weapons crime and exploitation. We use a range of tactics including educational inputs and in-school searches to ensure that students are well-informed about the consequences of carrying weapons, and identify those that continue to do so.

It is important that the police, schools and families work together to protect young people. To do this, parents must be aware of the warning signs and talk to children about carrying weapons. The consequences of being found in possession of a knife are serious and long lasting, affecting education, employment and travel opportunities, but most crucially, life.

Checking deliveries


Got a delivery you weren't expecting?

As part of #Sceptre week, a week of intensified action to reduce knife crime, we're encouraging all carers and parents to check in with their children. Have they recently used the Amazon account to order something unfamiliar? Have they answered the door to get a parcel and hidden it away?

Online retailers have ID checks and policies on selling weapons and knives. It is illegal to sell a knife to anyone under the age of 18. However, with same-day delivery and locker parcel drops it's easy for delivery drivers to miss out the ID check of the recipient at the door.

Talk to your child if you see they have ordered knives or a weapon online, or have received a package you were not expecting. It can be difficult but we have plenty of tips and advice available on our website to help you start THAT conversation. Visit our Life or Knife website [here](#)

If you discover a knife or weapon, be sure to wrap it up safely and securely. You can then either surrender this over at your local police station or a weapon surrender bin. If you find a kitchen knife or sharp tool in your child's bedroom make sure it is secured and check your child is unharmed before you talk to them.

If you are concerned about knife crime in your area, or see something suspicious, get in touch today  [Report a crime | West Midlands Police](#) or call 101.

Follow your local police social media accounts to keep up to date with the latest advice and information. Remember in an emergency, call 999.

Yours sincerely,
Sergeant Bruton

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