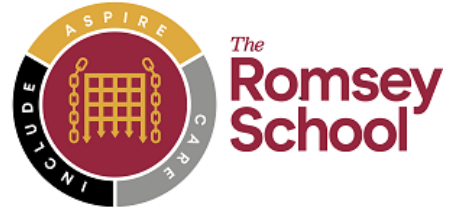




THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL



10 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

The pandemic has made young people 'more vulnerable' and led to a disproportionate increase in the incidents which young people are involved with knives, according to the chief executive of the anti-knife crime charity – the Ben Kinsella Trust. All schools have a duty to ensure that students are aware of the risks associated with carrying knives.

The Romsey School and Mountbatten School would like to invite you to a parent 'Knife Crime Awareness session' on Wednesday 15 November from 6.00pm – 7.00pm at The Romsey School. This workshop will be held in DR1 in the Performing Arts Block.

This session will be run by Hampshire Constabulary's Education Partnership Team and aims to provide parents with the following information:

- The law with regards to carrying knives for protection and the consequences.
- How young people can protect themselves if they are at risk
- Where young people and parents can seek help

Students from both schools will be invited to attend information sessions and share their thoughts in sessions run on Monday 13 and Wednesday 15 November. The content shared during the parents' session will mirror what they have also been shown (or will be using in subsequent RSHE lessons). We hope that this will help you to have supportive conversations at home around keeping themselves and others safe.

If you would like to attend the parents' session, please complete the [Parental Knife Crime Awareness Workshop](#) Google Form.

Please send your response by **Tuesday 14 November**. The form will close sooner if all places are filled before this date.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 15 November.

Yours sincerely

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