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Dear Parents/Carers

## Schools say NO to knives

Schools in Liverpool are beginning the school year with a series of special assemblies focusing on knife crime and the dangers and consequences of carrying a knife.

Working in partnership with Merseyside Police and LASH (Liverpool Association of Secondary Heads), Citysafe has developed a strategic approach to working with schools to support the work of the #NoMoreKnives campaign. This is part of a holistic approach to tackling knife crime and ensuring the young people of Liverpool fully understand and appreciate the negative repercussions of choosing to carry a knife.

Presentations in school are part of a collective city-wide response to reducing knife crime. Merseyside Police also have a number of new mobile knife arches that can be used as part of presentations in schools.

Liverpool City Council is continuing to actively work with bars and licensees, retailers, youth and community groups and campaigners.

Mayor of Liverpool Joe Anderson said; "The #NoMoreKnives campaign is hugely important to Liverpool City Council and our partners. We are absolutely committed to ensuring the young people of our city remain safe and learn about the dangers of carrying a knife. We really value the work schools are doing to help us tackle this vitally important issue. Showing the devastation and impact that knife crime can have on families, schools and whole communities is a focus for us but we also need to make sure our children aware of the very serious consequences of carrying a knife and the impact this can have on the rest of their lives."

The assembly will be delivered to Year 8 students at Archbishop Blanch on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, and the Knife Arch will be erected outside of the school entrance on the morning of Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> November. Form tutors will share key messages around knife crime during the morning.

Thank you in advance for your support as we seek to educate our students about this important issue.

Yours sincerely

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