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Dear Parents/Guardians

You may have been told by your child that the police brought a team of officers to school yesterday morning as part of their 'Operation Fountain' across secondary schools in the borough. I wrote to you just before the half term break to explain that this may happen soon. Each student that came into school yesterday morning had their bag searched by school staff, a police sniffer dog was present and wands were used to scan students for knives.

I am sure you are pleased to hear that nothing illegal was found on any student and the police were very complimentary about the way the children engaged with officers throughout the process. I would like to add that the students waited calmly (it took a little longer than normal to enter school) and were cooperative and patient throughout.

This is part of our endeavour with local secondary schools to ensure that our schools are places of safety, free from drugs and knife crime. I hope that you share our desire to reduce the influence of these pressures and the possible outcomes of this activity are covered in PSHCE lessons. We will continue to work closely with our police and they may do a similar operation in the future to ensure our school remains as safe and secure as we can.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Mike Boddington



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