



Sandwell Police  
West Bromwich Police Station  
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Sandwell police is continuing to work with all secondary schools across the borough to help reduce the vulnerability of young people to knife crime.

We are working jointly with Sandwell council, school councils and head teachers to understand the reasons behind a small number of our youth carrying weapons.

St Michael's Church of England High School will continue to take part in a number of activities in coming months, which are designed to challenge young people's thinking and to raise awareness on the consequences of carrying a knife.

We want to educate school children and ultimately prevent them from becoming a victim or an offender in the future.

One of the key elements of this programme is the use of a walk-through metal detection arch in all Sandwell schools. The purpose of this knife arch is to detect anyone carrying a weapon and to deter them from doing so.

The checks will be conducted sporadically throughout the year and we believe this to be an open and transparent way in which to protect pupils and members of our community.

St Michael's will ensure that the metal detection activity is carried out in a friendly, positive and educational way; with an opportunity for debate and discussion to be opened up.

We are committed to creating a safe environment for everyone in Sandwell and look forward to working with you.

Chief Superintendent Richard Baker  
Sandwell Neighbourhood Policing Unit  
Chair Sandwell Police and Schools Panel

Jan Britton Chief Executive  
Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council



**ST MICHAEL'S**  
Church of England High School

