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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to share some important and heartfelt news with you.

We are deeply honoured that Caroline Wilgoose, the mother of Harvey Wildgoose - whose tragic death touched so many - has chosen Penistone Grammar School as the recipient of a donated portable knife arch. This generous and symbolic donation will be formally presented to the school next week and will be filmed by ITV as part of a wider initiative to raise awareness about knife crime and promote community safety.

As part of this event, all students will have the opportunity to meet with some of Harvey's close friends, who will be visiting the school to speak with them about the dangers of knife crime, the importance of making safe choices, and the power of community support. These conversations are intended to be supportive, informative, and empowering for our young people.

The knife arch itself will not be a permanent fixture at Penistone Grammar School. Instead, it will be shared across the local community as a preventative and educational tool to support the safety and wellbeing of young people in our area. We are proud to be part of this forward-thinking initiative and to contribute to a wider effort to keep our communities safe.

We want to reassure you that we do not have a knife or weapon issue at Penistone Grammar School. However, we are committed to being proactive and preventative in our approach to student safety. In the highly unlikely event that we have reason to suspect a student may be in possession of a weapon, we may request that they pass through the knife arch as part of our safeguarding procedures. This would always be handled sensitively and in line with our safeguarding and behaviour policies.

Please also be assured that no student will be required to walk through the knife arch during the event. It will be entirely voluntary, and any student with a medical condition or concern will not be asked to participate. Our priority is to ensure that all students feel safe, respected, and reassured throughout this process.

We hope this will be the first of many proactive measures we can take to support the welfare and wellbeing of our students and staff. We are proud of the strong partnerships we have built with our local community and look forward to continuing this important work together.

In addition, over the next half term, we will be communicating with you about our lockdown procedures, should they ever be required. This is part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that our students are well-informed and prepared to keep themselves safe in all circumstances.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



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Warm regards,

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