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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Safety Arch in School

I am writing to inform you that today, in co-operation with our Safer Schools Police Officer, we used a safety arch with students in a number of Year groups, to check that no student had brought any offensive weapon into school. Alperton Community School is not being targeted for this, but the Metropolitan Police are encouraging all schools in London to occasionally carry out such searches as part of the strategy to prevent knife crime.

Our Governing Body agreed that this would be an important thing to do on occasion to deter any student from even considering bringing a weapon into school. I hope all parents and carers will agree that this is another strategy that we can use to safeguard our young people.

I am delighted to say that no weapons were discovered which is what I expected and the students conducted themselves very well and took the whole process very seriously. I am pleased to say there was minimal disruption to learning. For obvious reasons, I am not able to inform parents/carers before-hand when something like this is to happen, but I will always inform you afterwards and what the outcome reveals.

Please support us by discussing the whole issue of knife crime and personal safety with your child at home so that they know we are both giving them the same messages. Please also inform them that any student who is discovered to have a knife in school is most likely to be arrested and permanently excluded from the school.

Yours sincerely



Mr G McKenna
Headteacher