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Dear Parents and Carers

Many of you will remember that over the last two academic years we have run an exercise in conjunction with Northants Police and the Drugs Dog Team, this involves the use of sniffer dogs. Our aim was to highlight the dangers of drugs in our community and to reinforce the schools' zero tolerance approach towards the issue. Schools across the Wellingborough partnership work with the Police to reinforce this message.

The schools all felt it was useful in making the students aware of the consequences of bringing drugs into school. This time, all visits will take place without prior warning. While we hope that no-one is found in possession, anyone that is will be dealt with appropriately by the Police, and in accordance with the policies of their school.

To reassure you, the dog that we use for these visits has been carefully trained and will be under proper supervision throughout. School visits generally last around 3 hours, and will include classroom visits, walking around during breaks and lunchtimes, and possibly before and after school.

Each of our schools has developed its own individual policy on drugs; the policies are very similar and can be viewed on the websites of their respective schools (or are available on request.)

When the initiative was launched, it clearly had the support of our parents/carers. We greatly valued this, and continue to do so.

Yours faithfully

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