



The police have been running **Operation Sceptre** this week. Operation Sceptre was launched in July 2015 by The Metropolitan Police Service with the aim of reducing knife crime.

Hampshire Constabulary are actively encouraging schools to help raise awareness about the risks and the impact carrying a knife/weapon can have on individuals and the community.

Over the next few weeks, we will be raising this issue with the students at Thornden but below are links to several resources which you might find helpful and informative.

Safe4me: This is a dedicated website provided by Hampshire police to support professionals and parents with a wide range of issues affecting young people; serving as a resource library consisting of lesson plans, advice, information and sign-posting to other services and resources.

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/knife-crime/>

#knifefree: This resource uses real-life stories of young people to highlight the consequences of carrying a knife and to inspire young people to pursue positive alternatives; includes free accompanying lesson plans for Key Stage 3 & 4 developed by The PSHE Association.

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/knifefree/>

Fearless: 'Crimestoppers' specifically for young people age 11 -16yrs; providing information to them and a service to encourage anonymous reporting of crime. The dedicated website provided by Fearless also provides lesson plans and resources to support teachers with a variety of street based crime including knife crime.

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/portfolio/knife-street-crime/>

No Knives, Better Lives: This is a dedicated website for practitioners, parents and young people. Consisting of education films, lesson plans and activity resources from primary age upwards. <https://noknivesbetterlives.com/practitioners/resources/toolkits/>

The Ben Kinsella Trust: This is a dedicated website providing free lesson plans for Key Stage 2, 3 & 4 developed in partnership with The PSHE Association. <http://www.benkinsella.org.uk/about/free-resources-and-links/resources-for-teachers-and-practitioners>

Knifecrimes.org: This is a dedicated organisation set up to support families affected by knife crime, providing a host of information and advice. <http://www.knifecrimes.org/>