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## The Blunt Truth Workshop

Dear Parent / Carer,

The NHS and Avon and Somerset Police have collaborated on a workshop called The Blunt Truth which aims to encourage young people to report to the police, their school or through FEARLESS (the youth arm of CrimeStoppers) if they suspect that someone they know is carrying a knife or a weapon, in order to prevent assaults involving knives or weapons from ever taking place.

The Blunt Truth workshop involves showing a film, made by young people, which depicts implied violence and features bad language / swearing. We wanted to make the film authentic so that young people can relate to it and don't feel preached to, so the language used lends to this authenticity and is not gratuitous. There is also scenes within a hospital and treating the stabbing injury. The purpose of this letter is to give you the option of your child not taking part in the workshop.

Following the showing of the Blunt Truth film there will be group discussions with pupils about knife crime and the film they have just seen, as well as information provided on how to report safely to the police, their school or through FEARLESS (CrimeStoppers) should they know someone is carrying a knife. Your child will also take part in a practical first aid lesson written by Accident and Emergency NHS staff on how to treat a bleeding victim, giving them real life, valuable first aid skills.

We do hope that your child will take part in the Blunt Truth workshop. However, if you do not want your child to take part in the workshop then please contact our Safeguarding Lead Mrs Tushingam via [Rebecca.tushingam@clf.uk](mailto:Rebecca.tushingam@clf.uk) and include the full name of your child.

Yours Sincerely

**Mrs Rebecca Tushingam**  
Assistant Principal / DSL