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Dear Parent/Carer,

Weapons in Schools

Bailey Gwynne was a 16 year old boy at Cults Academy in Aberdeen.

In 2015 during the school day he was stabbed and killed by another school boy.

The enquiry into his death which was published in October 2016 made 21 recommendations, 3 of which are listed below and which are an absolute priority for schools.

1. All parents should receive a letter from school at the beginning of S1, setting out the school rules and expectations regarding weapons.
2. Pupil forums and pupil councils should be encouraged to develop safe processes to enable pupils to share their knowledge of weapons with teachers.
3. Police Scotland shall be notified of every incident of weapons possession known to a school.

This letter is in response to the first recommendation and to highlight to you and all our pupils that we have a zero tolerance approach to pupils carrying or bringing any weapons to school. Pupils doing so face exclusion. I know that all parents and pupils will support this stance. As highlighted, I have decided to send this letter to all pupils in years S1- S6, not just S1.

Can I finish by stressing how law abiding and responsible the vast majority of our pupils are and I am of the belief that our pupils will not let us down in this issue.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David C Dempster', written in a cursive style.

David C Dempster
Head Teacher