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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of work taking place across schools in Slough in the New Year to raise awareness of the dangers of knife crime, as part of a co-ordinated month of action in the town.

Partners, led by Thames Valley Police with the support of Slough Borough Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner for the Thames Valley, will look to bring communities together to take a stand against violence in all its forms. The focal point for this activity will be the National Monument Against Violence and Aggression, also known as 'The Knife Angel', arriving in Slough at Arbour Park from Tuesday 10 January 2023.

To support with the month of action, the region's leading safety education charity, The Safety Centre – Hazard Alley, will deliver tailored sessions to Years 6 and 7 in schools across Slough. These sessions will provide valuable inputs to over 1000+ children and teachers, with content on what the knife angel is, encouraging them to visit the monument, as well as the dangers of carrying knives, the consequences of doing so, and signposting young people to support they can access.

Ahead of these sessions, we wanted to make parents and guardians aware of this planned work, and the wider activity taking place across the town. Partners are conscious these inputs may lead to conversations about violence and knife crime at home.

There is never a right or wrong time to talk about violence and aggression. It is hoped that this month of action will provide the opportunity to have conversations with your child on the impact violence can have.

You can stay up to date with information regarding the month of action from Thames Valley Police by following 'TVP Slough' on Facebook and Twitter.

Yours Faithfully

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