



15th November 2021

FIREARMS AND KNIFE EDUCATION

Officers from Dorset Police have recently attended your child's school and delivered a prevention presentation to raise awareness around weapons.

The presentation covered many aspects including parts of the law, the consequences of carrying or using weapons and how the police respond to these incidents.

An important part of this presentation was to highlight the recent changes in legislation.

The new legislation means that some weapons, which previously might not have been considered illegal, could now be illegal and it is an offence to own them.

We would ask you to take time to understand the new legislation as well. Further information and a full list of illegal weapons can be found here; [Offensive Weapons Act \(nbcc.police.uk\)](https://nbcc.police.uk).

From Monday 15 – Sunday 21 November 2021, Dorset Police are actively encouraging the public to dispose of their unwanted knives or blades anonymously and without fear of prosecution to support the national week-long knife amnesty – Op Sceptre.

Anyone wanting to dispose of unwanted knives are being advised to use their local recycling centre or securely package the item and bin in their household waste.

Op Sceptre is a national police initiative which began in 2015. Amnesties are run regularly throughout the year and do not reflect rises in knife crime in participating forces.

Dorset has one of the lowest knife crime rates of all 43 police forces. We hope by preventing and educating people around knife crime we will continue to keep Dorset one of the safest places to live.

If you would like any information, support or advice around knife crime please contact your local policing team or email Surrender@dorset.pnn.police.uk.

If any questions or issues have been raised from the presentation, then please forward these back to the school and they will be passed on to us.

Thank you very much.

Dorset Police

Firearms and Fire Education Team