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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Drug Detection Dog – Police Visit**

I am writing to inform you that we were fortunate enough to have been offered the opportunity by Thames Valley Police to have a drug detection dog visit the school site today between 11.15am and 1.30pm.

This not only builds relationships with the police and local community, but is ensuring we are proactive in our approach to combatting the threat of drugs in school. I am sure you have read newspaper articles lately outlining the risks that young people are exposed to and the impact of County Lines. Further information can be found on the [Thames Valley Police website](#).

Maiden Erlegh School in Reading prides itself on our approach to safeguarding and protecting our young people and their families. Should you wish to read further about the current drug concerns for young people, and the government approach to protecting young people and vulnerable adults, please visit the [Government website](#).

In addition, the National Crime Agency explains statistics surrounding [County Lines](#).

Should you need any further advice, or wish to discuss this in more detail, please contact your child's Head of Year via the school office.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

**Miss C Burns**

Senior Assistant Headteacher