

To: Y7-Y11 Students

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Dear Parent/Carer

This morning we welcomed K9 Deployment into the school who offer a specialised search service.

As a school we are always keen to ensure that whilst our students are at school they are in a positive and safe environment. Like all schools we work closely with the local police and Children's Services and are aware of the potential threat of County Lines and its prevalence within Norfolk. So, as part of raising drug awareness in school, the PD curriculum and to be able to be allay any concerns that substances have been brought onto the school site, we have used this service today.

During the visits, the dog checked lockers, toilets, vacated classrooms and school grounds for potential contraband items. When a vacated classroom was checked, students were asked to exit the classroom for 5 to 8 minutes and a member of staff accompanied them into the room. The canine team then sniffed the interior of the room including the air around the belongings left behind. At no point was the handler left alone in a room to ensure that possessions were not touched. The rooms were randomly picked on the day.

We ensured that any student identified with an allergy to dogs and pet dander was not brought into proximity with the dog and had made first aid aware of this too. In addition to this we tried to be sensitive to anyone with anxiety or a phobia around dogs.

It was a positive experience for the school and the students with some interesting questions asked to the handler about his work and dog.

I am pleased to inform you that nothing was detected at school.

Yours faithfully



Miss R Ricketts
Deputy Head