

CAN YOU HELP STAFFORDSHIRE #DITCHTHEBLADE?

**SIGNS WHICH COULD INDICATE THAT YOUR CHILD
IS AT RISK OF BEING INVOLVED IN KNIFE CRIME:**

WITHDRAWING

FROM FAMILY AND SCHOOL,
CHANGING THEIR BEHAVIOUR
AND/OR SKIPPING SCHOOL.

LOSING INTEREST

IN HOBBIES AND OLD
FRIENDS, AND NOW HANGING
AROUND WITH A NEW GROUP,
STAYING OUT LATE AND BEING
VAGUE ABOUT WHERE
THEY'RE GOING.

BECOMING SECRETIVE AND DEFENSIVE,

PARTICULARLY ABOUT
WHAT'S IN THEIR BAG AND
MIGHT EVEN HAVE TOLD YOU
THAT THEY NEED TO
CARRY A KNIFE.

**YOU'VE NOTICED
KNIVES ARE MISSING**
FROM THE HOUSE OR MAY
EVEN HAVE FOUND ONE IN
YOUR CHILD'S BAG OR COAT.

Some of these things seem easily explained as part of the difficult teenage years, but it's still important to talk to them about knife crime.

**IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A REPORT ABOUT A CHILD
CARRYING A KNIFE PLEASE CALL STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE ON 101**

OR YOU CAN PRIVATE MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK OR TWITTER.

YOU SHOULD ALWAYS CALL 999 IN AN EMERGENCY.

WORRIED ABOUT SOMEONE CARRYING A KNIFE?

If you are a parent or carer and you are worried about a child you can find advice at:

WWW.STAFFORDSHIRE.POLICE.UK/DITCHTHEBLADE

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