

Knife Crime KS2 Assembly and Workshop Programme

Bigfoot have worked in collaboration with the Federation of Heavers Farm and Selsdon Primary Schools to create a new assembly and workshop programme for KS2 pupils, using an early intervention approach to understanding key messages around the topic of knife crime, gang violence and keeping safe.

The programme supports pupils to:

- Understand how to keep themselves and others safe
- Recognise and manage risk and difficult situations
- Manage friendships and peer pressure
- Understand respect and how to have respectful relationships
- Understand the law around and consequences of carrying knives
- Explore the immediate and far-reaching consequences of knife crime and gang violence on the victim, the perpetrator, their families and the wider community
- Identify how to access support and who can help them
- Have difficult conversations with their peers and adults

POWERFUL CHOICES

New for
Autumn 2023



“Sometimes it’s a choice that just feels...Bad. And I don’t know what to do...”



The Assembly

Pupils participate in a 45 minute interactive assembly, in which a narrator introduces them to the fictional story of 11 year old Gabriel, who has recently struggled with making some difficult choices about the friends he is spending time with. He has been feeling pressure to join in with some behaviour he doesn't like, especially as his friends have started talking about knives, and he knows the pressure will only get worse. Sometimes Gabriel finds it hard to talk about his worries to the grown ups in his life; he doesn't know where to start and he doesn't want to let them down.

As Gabriel considers these decisions, suddenly a Magical Phone appears! It has the power to provide messages and advice from the future, from the important trusted grown ups in Gabriel's life. In one message Gabriel will hear from a future where he chooses to stay in the group, and in the next message he'll hear from a future where he makes a different choice. This will help Gabriel choose what to do, perhaps?

The assembly is a safe and creative opportunity to introduce sensitive issues and subject matter and is an excellent starting point for future conversations about choices and consequences. Pupils are encouraged to reflect upon and discuss key issues throughout, working together to explore the various choices Gabriel has to make. The assembly includes spoken word, brilliant character illustrations and voiceovers, bringing the story to life.

The Workshops

The assembly is followed by up to **4 x 1 hour workshops, for Year 5 and 6 pupils**. The workshop gives pupils the opportunity to explore the key issues raised in the assembly in more depth, consolidating their understanding of the laws surrounding and consequences of knife crime. They will work together to explore some of the situations raised in the assembly, using various drama skills to consider character choices and consequences. Activities will encourage pupils to explore how to have positive, respectful relationships with their peers, as well as how to have difficult conversations with adults and how they can access support.



"Let's share our experiences, Let's use our big voices, Now that we're choosing life, Making powerful choices."



The programme is accompanied by a comprehensive **Teacher Resource Pack**, enabling the programme to as beneficial and impactful as possible.



COST: £650 plus VAT (Includes a 45 minute assembly & up to 4 x 1 hour workshops)

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