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Dear parents and carers,

A message from West Midlands Police.

We have launched a new police operation to tackle violence and serious organised crime in Wolverhampton.

Operation Redfox is now running across the city, with specific activity in areas where we know there's increased risk of violence.

Through this operation we're acting on information to execute warrants, carry out proactive operations and have high visibility in hotspots areas. This includes in and around the city centre, Whitmore Reans, East Park, Heath Town, Bilston and Dunstall.

We want our open spaces to remain places for all our communities to enjoy, and not be fearful of going and following a series of high-profile incidents across the city we are bringing in additional resources to identify those involved in serious organised crime locally.

We'll carry out operations including knife arches at prominent locations, but we will also be educating young people around the dangers of being involved in gangs and violence.

Since its launch on 14 April, we've seen the arrest and charge of a teenager accused of possessing an offensive weapon after a crossbow was recovered, three men arrested and charged following the recovery of a gun from a car in the city and the arrest of a suspected drug dealer.

As part of Op Redfox we are urging local people to support our work by sharing information they may have about local gang activity or crime across the city.

Our position is clear, gang activity, carrying weapons or getting involved in organised crime – such as drug dealing – is not glamorous and can put lives at risk, including your own.

Possession of a firearm carries a minimum five year sentence and by getting involved in any associated crime you face going to prison and having a criminal record, which impacts on your life prospects. If your friend or loved one is involved they run the risk of lengthy prison sentences and serious injury as a result of their actions. It's not worth the risk.

If you have information you can submit this in the dedicated Operation Redfox Portal by scanning the QR code below.



If you want to speak to someone contact West Midlands Police via Live Chat at <https://www.westmidlands.police.uk> between 8am and midnight quoting Op Redfox, call 101 anytime quoting Op Redfox or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Thank you. West Midlands Police.



## Operation Redfox

