

"In a Nutshell" – **Dealing with Knives and Offensive Weapons (SW19)**

It's illegal to carry knives or other offensive weapons on or around the School premises. A weapon is:

- a firearm of any description, including starting pistols, air guns and any type of replica or toy gun
- knives, including all variations of bladed objects e.g. pocket knives, craft knives, scissors etc
- explosives, including fireworks, aerosol sprays, lighters, matches
- laser pens or other objects, even if manufactured for a non-violent purpose but has a potentially violent use ie: the purpose of keeping or carrying the object is for use, or threat of use, as a weapon.

Procedure for dealing with knives and offensive weapons

- most circumstances police should be informed if a weapon is believed to be involved in an incident – if you are the one contacting police see full policy
- if action is required before police presence management and safeguarding coordinator should assess before acting
- if a search is required ensure staff is same sex as the student, in the presence of another member of staff (also of same sex) and the student
- if a weapon is found staff may take possession until police arrive