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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to you because we have seen a recent increase of students bringing vapes into school and in some cases trying to vape on school site. I want to make it absolutely clear that vapes are a prohibited item and are not allowed on school site at any time. Students are not allowed to vape in school and if they are caught doing so the sanction will be as severe as if they were caught smoking on school site. Also any students caught vaping in their school uniform will also be sanctioned as they are bringing the name of the school into disrepute. The legal age to buy vapes in the UK is 18.

Vapes are used as a way to support smokers to quit. They contain less harmful toxins than traditional cigarettes but they do contain nicotine. Children who vape may become addicted to the nicotine in the same that a traditional smoker would. Long term we would not want to see any of our young people become addicted to nicotine.

Unlike traditional cigarettes, vapes are often sold in flavours and the odour is often quite sweet so children do not always associate the taste with that of cigarettes. However, these flavours are masking the nicotine strength.

We are also concerned because as students cannot legally buy vapes until the age of 18, they may be sourcing them from shops who are turning a blind eye or selling them illegally to minors. We have had reports that when bought from these places you cannot guarantee that product inside the vape is purely nicotine.

We are going to focus on the dangers of vaping in our PHSE programmes in the coming weeks and we would appreciate your support in this matter.

Kind regards,



Miss Rock