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Dear Parents / Carers

Important Information on Vaping

Over the last few weeks we have experienced some issues with students being caught vaping / in possession of vaping equipment on the school site. Whilst we recognise that this issue applies to a small number of students, we wanted to highlight our concerns to you all so we can work in unison to ensure this does not continue to happen in school.

We wanted to make sure that all parents / carers are clear where this stands in terms of our Behaviour Policy. We do not accept the use or possession of any type of smoking equipment and will use our Behaviour Policy to sanction students if they break this rule. If a student is caught with any form of smoking or vaping paraphernalia in school, a C5 will be issued. If we have reason to believe that a student is selling this in school then an exclusion may be set for that student, which stays on their permanent school record.

Vaping and e-cigarettes come under the same law as smoking. This law says that it's illegal to sell any tobacco products to someone under 18. It's also illegal for someone else to buy them for you if you are under 18. The age limit is the same regardless of whether the vaping pen contains nicotine-based fluid or not. If we have cause to search a student, in line with our school policy, and we find any smoking or vaping paraphernalia on them in school, parents / carers will be informed and the equipment will be disposed of or in some cases handed to the police.

If you would like some more help as a parent or carer, there is useful information available from **Action on Smoking & Health**.

If students would like to know more about this, their tutors have been given **information** to share with them or they are welcome to visit our school nurse drop-in on a Thursday lunchtime in Room 601.

Yours sincerely

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