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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the well-being of our students. We understand your concerns regarding the dangers of vaping, and we want to provide you with an update on the steps we are taking as a school to address this issue.

First and foremost, we are taking a proactive approach to tackle vaping among our students. Our efforts include:

**Education and Awareness**: We are continuously working to educate our students about the dangers of vaping. We have integrated anti-vaping messages into our curriculum and have held special awareness events and workshops.

This term all students at BGLC will have had lessons delivered to them within Life Skills around the dangers posed by vaping and how they can make better choices. The resources have been created for schools by Public Health England and can be seen <u>here</u>.

**Policy Enforcement:** We are diligently enforcing our school policies regarding the use of tobacco and vaping products on school property. Our disciplinary measures are consistently applied to all students found in violation of these policies. Alongside this we have installed a number of vape alarms across the campus

**Support:** Our Pastoral team is available to students who may be struggling with vaping addiction and where appropriate will signpost to outside agencies.

**Parental Involvement:** We encourage parents to maintain open communication with their children about the risks associated with vaping. Your involvement and vigilance are crucial in helping us combat this issue.

**Community Engagement**: We are also working with the LA, Police and NHS to raise awareness about vaping and its consequences. Collaborative efforts can have a broader impact on this issue.

We want to assure you that the safety and well-being of our students are our top priorities. We are committed to creating a school environment that is free from the dangers of vaping and other harmful behaviours.

If you have any questions or additional concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We value your input and partnership in addressing this important issue.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure the health and safety of our students.

Yours Sincerely

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