



November 25<sup>th</sup> 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: The Risks of Vaping Virtual Session (Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2024)**

I hope this letter finds you well. I want to express my thanks for all of the support you have shown over the course of this academic year.

As you know, we believe that pastoral care at St Mary's is exceptional and we pride ourselves on the outstanding care that our students receive in order to help them develop holistically and reach their full potential.

As part of this, I would like to invite parents/carers and students to a virtual session on **'The Risks of Vaping'**. This will take place between 4.45 pm to 5.15 pm on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024**. These sessions cover the risks that young people may face outside of school. This virtual session, in particular, will cover the statistics behind young people vaping in the North East, the possible harm that this could lead to for young people, the signs to identify whether a young person is vaping and the support that can be offered to young people regarding this.

The session will take place remotely via Teams and the link to access the session is below.

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_Y2YzMjU1MjYtYmQzNy00Y2JhLTk5NDYtZGU0YmNhMzEyOGRj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Ti d%22%3a%228be451d4-3473-4da3-a549-111ad5f4156b%22%2c%220id%22%3a%22ff94084a-330c-4394-b46f-20833210a319%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Y2YzMjU1MjYtYmQzNy00Y2JhLTk5NDYtZGU0YmNhMzEyOGRj%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Ti d%22%3a%228be451d4-3473-4da3-a549-111ad5f4156b%22%2c%220id%22%3a%22ff94084a-330c-4394-b46f-20833210a319%22%7d)

Please ensure that during the session your camera and microphone are turned off. There will be an opportunity at the end of the session for any general questions to be asked via the chat facility. If you have any specific questions regarding your child, please contact us via telephone following the session. As this session will take place virtually, it will be recorded and posted on the school website, for any parents/carers who are unable to join at the time.

We will continue to do all that we can to support your child here at school. If you do have any worries, concerns or questions, please do contact us here at school. Thank you for your ongoing help and support.

Kindest regards,

**Mr McDonald**  
Assistant Headteacher – Pastoral

**Mr Turnbull**  
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