



much more than just a school



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Dear Parents and Carers

This letter contains important reminders about concerns regarding vaping, including the consequences if a child vapes in school and support resources you may wish to use with your child.



In the past week, two separate incidents involving individual students vaping in an accessible toilet in school caused the fire alarm to be activated and the whole school to be evacuated. Our alarm system detects a drop in air quality as well as heat. The two children involved were quickly identified and punished.

We were previously made aware of some children purchasing vapes from a local shop. This was reported to the police. It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to purchase vapes or for adults to purchase them for the use of children.



There is now much more information regarding the significant health risks of vaping, particularly for children. These include poisoning, addiction, low mood and lowering of impulse control. If you would like to read more and discuss with your child, please use this link. [Know the Risks of E-cigarettes for Young People | Know the Risks: E-cigarettes & Young People | U.S. Surgeon General's Report](#). We include lessons on the dangers of vaping as part of our SMSC programme.



Smoking and vaping are illegal on school sites, whether inside or outside. If your child is believed to have vaped on the school site they will be suspended. Vapes will be confiscated and may be disposed of by school staff.



We have linked the joint statement from Federation Schools regarding vaping for your information here: [joint-vaping-smoking-2023.pdf](#) ([pcs.hants.sch.uk](#)). This was previously sent to all parents of children attending local secondary schools in October 2023.



If you require any support with any of the above, please contact us. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Yours faithfully

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