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Dear Parents,

It has come to our attention that a number of students have been using vaping materials (e-cigarettes), both in and out of school. We are taking this opportunity to remind you that smoking of any kind is banned on our premises and that our sanction for doing so is a fixed term (external) exclusion. We would like to remind you that it is illegal for these materials to be supplied to children under the age of 18 and that anyone caught supplying them can be prosecuted. We are still looking into how such materials might have been purchased, but reports so far tell us that the park and Youth Zone are prime areas for their distribution.

Our investigations have also shown that these materials are often being sold or traded for large sums of money and have led to incidents of theft and bullying. We have found evidence of the use of certain oils and liquids which come from hemp plants, usually called CBD oil. Although not illegal for over 18s, these oils and juices are still untested for their long term effects and consequences and, worse, as they come from dubious sources, may contain other dangerous substances. In the short term they lead to reddening of eyes, drowsiness/euphoria and hunger, but can also lead to fitting and vomiting.

Please check your child's bag and rooms carefully for any of these items; I have included some photos below to give you some ideas about what they may look like.

We shall continue to monitor the situation and will contact you again in the new year if this, or any other issue, persists.

Thank you for your continued support.



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