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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been contacted by the police, who shared information with us about a risk to students which recently become apparent. We shared this information with students in a whole school assembly on Friday 11th November.

The risk concerns the use of vapes to consume other drugs. The police identified three categories of vapes:

'Ordinary Vapes'

- *High concentration of Nicotine*
- *Nicotine is a stimulant and can produce some adverse effects in children.*
- *These include increased blood pressure, heart rate and possibly panic attacks as a result.*

Vapes Which Contain Cannabis (Herbal/oil/vaping concentration):

- *Vaping Cannabis will commonly result in a greater concentration of THC being consumed in a shorter space of time.*
- *This increasing the likelihood of adverse reactions, particularly in children. Common reactions here are sickness, nausea, anxiety, panic attacks.*

Contaminated Vapes

- *It is not uncommon for vapes which are purchased as 'Cannabis' products to, in fact, contain other substances, most commonly synthetic Cannabinoids, more commonly referred to as spice or mamba.*
- *These products will commonly produce adverse reactions in users, which can be very severe, including those listed for Cannabis, but also cardiac events*

It is clear from the descriptions above that all vaping carries risks for young people. It is illegal for children under the age of 18 to buy or use vapes. It is also illegal to supply vapes to anyone under 18 years of age.

The contaminated vapes are often sold more cheaply than those that are sold in shops. They can contain very dangerous drugs that could cause serious harm to your children. I ask that you speak to your children about these risks and ensure that they do not use vapes.

In school, vapes are not allowed and will always be confiscated. We also search students if we suspect they have vapes in their possession. If we do find vapes and particularly those that contain illegal drugs, this will be treated as a very serious disciplinary issue.

I know that the vast majority of our students would never use vapes or bring them into school. However, I wanted to let you know about this risk, so that you can take appropriate action to support your children.

Yours sincerely

Mr B Killeen

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