



Wellfield Academy

Headteacher Mr J Lewis

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Dear Parent,

We have been made aware from colleagues in West Lancashire about the use of aerosols (including deodorant) and young people inhaling them for a 'high'.

Whilst this was not related to the conduct of our students specifically, it would be remiss of us to assume that it does not or could not happen here. Butane is one of the main ingredients found in aerosols and each year, very sadly, inhalation of this in aerosol form is reported to be the cause of death of around fifty people every year - mainly young people.

This is not specific to West Lancashire, there have been reports of similar issues in other areas. As adults, we all need to be aware of and educate our young people about the dangers of this. Over the course of this coming week, we will talk to the students about this in tutor time and assembly highlighting the significant physical and mental health risks of the inhalation of aerosols. Wherever possible, please reinforce this and have this conversation at home; there is huge strength in our partnership and joined up work.

Here is a [link](#) to the Frank website which gives more information about this topic should you want to refer to it.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Lewis
Headteacher