

31 January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Important Reminder

I am writing to inform you that the Academy has been made aware that students have been purchasing Vapes from some shops local to the Academy. As I am sure you are aware, it is illegal for shops to sell Vapes to children under 18 years of age. Therefore, we have passed on our concerns to our colleagues in the police.

Can I take the opportunity to remind parents/carers that smoking (including e-cigarettes), on or near the Academy site, will result in an exclusion. Furthermore, being in possession of smoking paraphernalia (which includes Vapes) in the Academy is forbidden. Can I also remind parents/carers that the law allows schools to search, without consent, for prohibited items. This includes tobacco and related substances. Parents/carers will be informed that this has occurred as soon as is practicably possible. This may not be on the same day.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Mr A St John **Vice Principal**