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Dear Parents/Carers,

The use of vapes on the school site continue to be a concern. They are often seen as gateway devices to smoking tobacco and illegal substances which I am sure you will agree is inappropriate. Any smoking or vaping items are banned in school. May I again highlight the following research diligently completed by School staff:

• Vaping is the act of inhaling a vapour produced by an electronic vaporizer or e-cigarette, the vapour can contain nicotine and other addictive substances, nicotine is highly addictive and can slow brain development, affect memory and concentration, self-control and mood.

• Some students are going through one vape a day, which is the equivalent of 50 cigarettes worth of nicotine a day, as a result, students experience headaches, tiredness, feeling sick, dizziness and being more thirsty than usual.

• We are very concerned that students could potentially be at risk by increasing their daily nicotine intake, some students who have never smoked are becoming addicted to vaping and nicotine and this can lead to an increased risk to other types of addiction as an adult.

• Vapes are often promoted as an alternative to smoking, however vaping and smoking share similar negative effects such as damage to lungs and an increased cancer risk.

• Legislation introduced a minimum age of sale of 18 for e-cigarettes and prohibiting the purchase of these products on behalf of someone under the age of 18

If students are seen with a vape they will be asked to hand it in. We will be calling parents for support or for them to collect their child if they refuse to hand the vape in. Students risk suspension when using, sharing and or refusing to hand vapes in. From Monday any child not using a vape during the school day will be given a raffle ticket for the chance to win a twenty-pound voucher, which will be drawn on Friday.

Staff at Greenwood School, have been trained to support students who are struggling to stop smoking or vaping. Student s are more than welcome to seek out support and advice from these members of staff. Please read the attached information regarding the dangers of THC vapes, as these are also growing in popularity.

Yours sincerely,



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