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Dear Parent/Carer

It has come to our attention that a small number of students are bringing vapes into school. I wanted to write to you to clarify the school's behaviour policy regarding this and to warn of the associated health risks for young people who vape.

Whilst I am sure that you already know the long term issues associated with smoking and vaping, the police have recently told us that some young people in Carlisle have been using vapes for illegal substances. Whilst I do not wish to worry you, there have been fatalities and serious injuries related to vaping widely reported in the media. It is our duty to share this information with you so that you can have conversations at home to support the messages we give here in school about the risks involved. We have also been made aware of vaping equipment in the style of smart watches.

Our behaviour policy is clear that any student found with a vape, lighter or other smoking related items in school can expect to be excluded from school. If students are found vaping or smoking on the school premises, this is likely to be lengthy and will be followed up with preventative measures in school.

We take the welfare and safety of students seriously. Students have told us that they do not want the behaviour of a small number of students to impact on the vast majority of hardworking, reliable and trustworthy students. We agree with them and intend to do our best to ensure that school remains a vape and smoke free zone.

I thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

Jo Hawkin
Headteacher