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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Vaping Information**

As a school we are always keen to ensure that whilst students are at school they are in a positive and safe environment. Like all schools we work closely with the local police and Children's Services and are aware of the potential threat of County Lines and its prevalence within Norfolk. Over the last few years, we have invited K9 deployment into our school to support us in alleviating any concerns about drugs and have always had a positive outcome with no drugs found.

However, it was recently brought to our attention that it is now possible to purchase vape liquid that contains other drugs alongside nicotine. In some cases, vape liquid does not contain any nicotine and instead contains substances found within cannabis such as CBD (legal) or THC (illegal). These are difficult to identify and may resemble e-cigarettes and nicotine vaping devices. Some vapes may also claim to contain cannabis chemicals like CBD and THC but may instead contain synthetic cannabinoids (for example 'spice') and in some cases, some vapes have also been found to contain other drugs such as ketamine. The health risks of vaping include irreversible lung damage, cardiovascular risk, problems with sleep, depression and the risk of further addiction.

Due to this, we are writing to inform you that any students found in possession of any smoking paraphernalia, including empty wrappers, parts of a vape, cigarette papers or filters will receive a fixed term suspension, and parents/carers will be required to attend a reintegration meeting before their child/ward returns to lessons. In addition to this if the school discover more than one student in a toilet cubicle, they will receive a day in the internal exclusion unit (IEU). Students who are in a cubicle together will have their possessions searched as the assumption will be that they are vaping or smoking in there. If a student refuses to be searched, they will be issued with a suspension as we are unable to guarantee that they are not carrying something that may cause harm.

In addition to this, we will no longer permit students to wear joggers or shorts under their school trousers as this has been found to be an area where banned items are being hidden.

These changes are being made with immediate effect as our intention remains to keep Taverham High school a positive and safe environment for all. Students will be informed of the changes we are making.

Yours faithfully



Mr G Yassin  
Headteacher

