

10th October 2019

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to express my serious concern about the increased use of E-cigarettes and vapours being used by young people in our local community. Smoking is illegal in the United Kingdom until a person is 18. Moreover, the full long term health risks attached to smoking E-cigarettes and vapes are as yet unknown by the medical profession.

Recently, some students within the Oldham Borough have been using cannabis oil in vapes. There are 2 types of chemicals in cannabis: THC and CBD. THC is found in the herbal/plant form of cannabis; this is illegal and is a Class B drug. Whilst CBD is not illegal, again, the longer term health effects of this are not fully known. In the interest of keeping our children safe, we wanted to share this information with you and give you the necessary information to fully discourage them from any form of smoking.

Needless to say, smoking of cigarettes, E-cigarettes or vaping is prohibited both within the Academy and whilst wearing Academy uniform. Anyone found to be doing so is at risk of exclusion.

If you or your children require support in smoking cessation programmes please contact your local GP or please see the advice given on the following NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/quit-smoking/nhs-stop-smoking-services-help-you-quit/>

Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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