

Dear Parent/ Carer

Vaping among children and young people –

Public Health Information

I am writing to you to raise awareness about the potential risks associated with the underage use of vapes, also known as e-cigarettes. The information below provides support to parents/carers to help you talk to your children about this topic and outlines the action that we will be taking as a school to tackle this issue.

There are a range of resources and advice materials that have been produced by Hampshire County Council that we hope you will find helpful. Attached is a leaflet to help you fully understand the impact of vaping. It explains the health risks to children and young people, the law regarding the use of vapes, as well as the environmental impact - especially of disposable vapes. In school we will be using a range of materials including information posters and classroom lesson resources to help communicate with your children about the risks of vaping.

I am sure that you will agree that the possession and use of vapes on the School premises is something that we simply cannot tolerate, consequently, we will view this in the same way as incidents of smoking or possession of smoking paraphernalia. In accordance with our Behaviour Policy, anyone who is found to be in the possession of paraphernalia linked to smoking or vaping will have the items confiscated and will face a serious sanction. I would therefore ask that you take time to discuss this with your child so that they are clear on our expectations.

In addition to this work in schools, Hampshire County Council is tackling the underage sale of vapes and illegal vapes through Hampshire Trading Standards. If you need to report information concerning vapes to Trading Standards, please visit Hampshire Trading Standards and use the 24/7 regional reporting facility listed under 'Tobacco and Vapes' or click here:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/tradingstandards/contact-us>

Should you have any further questions or require some additional support, please do contact your child's Progress Leader in the first instance via general@thehambleschool.co.uk

Yours faithfully



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If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.