

19th February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Subject: Ban on Vaping Products in School

I hope this letter finds you well. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing a safe and healthy environment for our students, I am writing to inform you of an important policy change at Bromley Beacon Academy. Effective immediately, the use and possession of vaping products will be strictly prohibited on school grounds and at all school-sponsored events.

Vaping, or the use of electronic cigarettes, has become increasingly prevalent among teenagers in recent years. The health risks associated with vaping, including the potential for addiction to nicotine and exposure to harmful chemicals, are a serious concern for us as educators and for you as parents. As such, we believe it is our responsibility to take proactive measures to protect the well-being of our students.

This ban on vaping products aligns with our school's existing policies on substance abuse and is consistent with the guidelines set forth by local authority regulations. We understand the importance of open communication and collaboration between the school and parents, and we encourage you to discuss the dangers of vaping with your children at home.

We kindly request your support in reinforcing the message **that vaping is not permitted on school premises**. We also ask that you remain vigilant in monitoring your child's activities and ensure that they understand the serious consequences of violating this policy. If a pupil is found in possession of or vaping on school premises, the vape will be confiscated immediately and destroyed. Should a pupil refuse to hand it in, he/she would be suspended with immediate effect. **This policy includes all forms of smoking (i.e. e-vapes, tobacco, cigarettes, cannabis etc) in and around the school premises.**

We are committed to providing resources and support to students who may be struggling with nicotine addiction or substance abuse. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this new policy, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school administration.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and healthy learning environment for all students at Bromley Beacon Academy. Together, we can work to ensure that our school remains a place where students can thrive and grow without the influence of harmful substances.

Yours sincerely



Mr Philip Tagoe

Head Teacher