

24th June 2026

Dear Parent and Carer

Installation of Vape Detection Alarms in Student Toilets

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, student wellbeing, and maintaining a safe learning environment, we have recently installed vape detection alarms in student toilet areas throughout the school.

The use, possession, or supply of vapes on school premises is strictly prohibited and is considered a serious breach of our Behaviour Policy. Vaping presents significant health concerns and can negatively impact the safety and wellbeing of others within our school community.

The newly installed alarms are designed to alert senior staff when vaping is detected in toilet areas. When an alarm is activated, staff will investigate immediately. This may include reviewing CCTV footage from surrounding areas, speaking with students present at the time, and gathering any other relevant evidence.

Please note that students identified as being present in a toilet area at the time a vape alarm is activated may be subject to an investigation. Where, based on the evidence available and applying the civil standard of proof used in schools ("on the balance of probabilities"), the school concludes that a student has been involved in vaping or associated misconduct, consequences will be applied in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Consequences may include:

- Interventions;
- Loss of social time or privileges;
- School-centred suspension SCS (internal suspension);
- Fixed-term suspension from school; and
- Other appropriate consequences as determined by the school.

It is important to understand that consequences may be issued even where a vape device is not found on a student's person. The school will consider all available evidence, including CCTV footage, witness accounts, alarm activation data, and the circumstances surrounding the incident, before reaching a decision.

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We ask for your support in reinforcing the message that vaping is not permitted at school and that students should avoid entering toilet areas where others may be engaging in inappropriate behaviour, as this may result in them becoming involved in subsequent investigations.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, healthy, and positive environment for all students.

Yours sincerely



Mrs H Watts
Executive Principal

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