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Dear families,

I am growing increasingly concerned by the number of students who have access to Vape pens. We have had a number of incidents involving these over the past few weeks in school. As they have become cheaper and more available this is a real concern for the health of our students.

I would like to make you aware of the law and recent health updates with regards to vaping:

- You must be over 18 to purchase or use Vape pens in the UK – This means that any student found with one is breaking the law
- Vape pens, although claiming to be safer than smoking, still contain nicotine and people can become addicted
- The research is suggesting that vaping does cause long term health issues
- Some of the oils and liquids contain more harmful chemicals that can damage your lungs
- CBD oil is a controlled substance and illegal if from an alternative source

We will be taking a **zero tolerance** to these in school and as such ANY student found with one in their possession or using one on site will receive a fixed term exclusion. These exclusions stay on your child's permanent school record and will be seen by any prospective education establishment after they leave our school. This could affect your child's chances of receiving a good Post 16 place.

In order to protect the health of our students I need you to be aware of what these vape pens look like and if you find your child with them, firstly get them help to stop using them, but also make sure they are not bringing them to school. On the back of this letter there are some of the more common examples of what they look like.

We appreciate your support in this matter and if you have any concerns please contact us at info@dixonska.com

Yours sincerely

Richard Wilson
Principal

Geek Bars cost around £4.00 and are widely available. They look like a highlighter pen.

Elf Bars cost around £6.00 and are widely available. They are smaller and easier to conceal.

Elux Bars cost around £5.00 and are widely available.