

Dear Parents and Carers,

10/10/2023

We trust this letter finds you in good health. In our ongoing commitment to ensure a safe and conducive learning environment for all students, we would like to draw your attention to a significant matter concerning the prohibition of specific items on our school premises.

While we recognize that the contents of this letter may not be relevant to the majority of our students, we believe it is vital for all parents to actively participate in preventing the entry of prohibited items into the school.

We are aware of the growing national concerns regarding the use of vapes by young people. While we await government decisions on this matter, we seek your support in ensuring that students neither bring vapes into school nor engage in vaping activities.

Regrettably, we have received reports of some students attempting to conceal vapes, such as girls hiding them in their bras and boys wearing extra layers of clothing under their uniforms. As parents, we kindly request your assistance in checking your child's belongings to ensure that no banned items, including vapes, are brought into school.

At this juncture, it is also prudent to remind you of the following prohibited items:

- Vapes/cigarettes
- Smart mobile phones
- Energy drinks
- Aerosols and body sprays
- Large scissors and craft knives (these will be provided if needed by subject teachers)

For a comprehensive list of prohibited items, please visit: <https://www.heronhallacademy.org.uk/banned-items>

We kindly request your cooperation in ensuring that your child is familiar with these rules, adheres to them, and that you regularly check both your child and their belongings before they leave for school.

In the event that a student is found in possession of any of the aforementioned prohibited items, appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken, as outlined in our behaviour policy.

If you have concerns about your child's involvement in vaping, we encourage you to explore the following website, which provides valuable advice and support for parents dealing with this issue: <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/behaviour/challenging-behaviour/im-worried-about-my-child-vaping/>

We would like to express our gratitude in advance for your cooperation and support.

Kind regards,

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Head Teacher