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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to update you about an important issue regarding vaping and drug taking amongst children.

This issue is a growing problem that is happening on a daily basis in our communities and enters our school as a result. Whilst our school has rules and guidance regarding drug taking, the purpose of this letter is to make you aware of recent concerns and to share information in order to do the best that we can to keep our children safe.

‘Vaping’ and the rise of E Vapes has become a significant issue in recent times. As a school, we have been working together with Health services, the Police and other agencies who are all increasingly concerned about the rise of ‘vaping’ amongst children and young people.

This is particularly the case regarding:

- Vapes, liquids and oils
- THC and Spice

Some of the above are legal and some are illegal, and the difficulty is being able to know the difference between the two. Illegal substances can often not smell and are very difficult to detect, due to the chemicals used.

One of the problems with vaping is that children that share a ‘vape’ often have no idea what they are actually inhaling, which is potentially very dangerous in itself. To vape from someone’s pen is extremely dangerous as you do not know what is being vaped, and is therefore extremely risky.

It is known that some of the above substances can cause extreme behaviours and reactions. Recently, there have been a number of sad stories of children being seriously affected by such drug misuse.

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It may be helpful for parents to know that we are told vape pens, liquids, oils and other such paraphernalia can be legally purchased online and can also be purchased via Amazon, Ebay and other accounts.

As parents, we encourage you to monitor your child's online purchases closely as these accounts are often set as 'private' and can be hidden. If you see a change in your child's behaviour, sleep or eating patterns, we would advise you to speak to your child about your concerns and to search their room for any vape pens, liquids, oils and other such paraphernalia.

We all recognise the importance of educating children when dealing with drug related issues and as a school, we constantly adapt and review our curriculum and lessons, working with external agencies to keep up to date with current trends.

**At Compass Academy, this has included:**

- Assemblies/lessons addressing key issues regarding vapes
- Referrals to 'Refresh' for support
- Contact and support for parents/carers
- Revised search protocols which are followed in the event of suspicion
- Teaching of key issues within the school's PSHE curriculum

If you require any additional information, support or advice on this matter, please do not hesitate in contacting the school. Alternatively, please see below for other sources of information:

		
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Yours sincerely,



**Mrs C Horne** (Principal)