

# HOLBROOK ACADEMY

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Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, the Prime Minister announced a significant development in the government's commitment to addressing the rise in youth vaping and safeguarding of children's health.

As part of ambitious government plans, disposable vapes will be banned in the UK. This decision is a vital component of the government's response to its consultation on smoking and vaping, initiated in October 2023. I, for one, am pleased to see a stronger stance taken on this issue.

Recent figures have revealed a troubling trend, with the number of children using vapes tripling over the past 3 years. Of particular concern is the rising usage among younger children, with 9% of 11 to 15 year-olds currently using vapes.

The government acknowledges the unknown long-term health impacts of vaping, and the highly addictive nature of nicotine found in these products. Withdrawal symptoms, including anxiety, trouble concentrating and headaches, underscore the serious concerns associated with vaping.

Vaping has become a growing concern in recent years, with an increasing number of adolescents engaging in this behavior. It is crucial for us, as a school community, to address this issue and work together to educate our students about the associated risks.

We kindly ask for your support in discussing the risks of vaping with your child at home and reinforcing the importance of making informed, healthy choices. If you have any concerns or questions about how to approach this conversation, please feel free to reach out to us for guidance.

Should a child be caught vaping or with vaping paraphernalia they will be sanctioned in line with our school policy.

Thank you for your support in this matter. Together, we can make a positive impact and promote a healthy lifestyle among our school community.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Headteacher

