



# Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls

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Dear Parent/Carer(s)

We take the safety and wellbeing of all members of our school seriously and under constant review. I wanted to take the opportunity to remind everyone of our school community about the measures we take to keep spaces in school a safe and accessible as possible, with a reminder of the monitors in school to detect the presence of vaping.

Our decision to install these vape detectors was made to maintain the safe use of spaces around the school site. Students have reported seeing some individuals using vapes in school toilets. We are committed to supporting the good decisions of the vast majority of our students, taking steps to ensure that students feel that they can access these facilities without the concern of anti-social behaviour taking place.

You will no doubt be aware of the rise in popularity of vaping, and possibly aware of the harmful effects that can be suffered from access to illegally obtained vapes. We spend time discussing these issues in our Personal Development lessons to educate on this topical issue and have shared information through our weekly bulletin.

We feel that taking proactive steps in response to a known issue amongst young people will prevent it from becoming a problem in our school. This preventative measure is to support and reassure students who are making choices that align with our school values. To reassure, other than reduce the possibility that they may witness vaping in school toilets, it will have no impact on their daily routines.

The installation of these devices is a positive step to promote the safety and wellbeing of our school community and an opportunity for families and School to continue to work together to help our young people make positive choices.

Kind Regards

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