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Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and promoting a healthy school environment, we are introducing a new measure to help us address a growing national concern: the use of vapes among young people.

While this is not a response to any particular issue within our school, we are aware of the increasing prevalence of vaping in schools across the country. In line with best practice, and to ensure we remain proactive in our approach, we will be introducing the use of handheld security wands. These will support our efforts to discourage students from bringing vapes or other inappropriate items onto the school site.

The wands are contactless and will be used by trained staff in a respectful and discreet manner. They will only be used in situations where information has been disclosed that would lead to a student search; the wand will help to ensure this search is more effective.

The vast majority of students will not be impacted by this and will never see it. This measure is intended to reinforce our message that school is a place of learning and that the safety and health of our students is paramount.

We understand that this is a new approach, and we want to reassure you that our priority remains the dignity and welfare of every student. We are simply taking sensible steps to stay ahead of a national issue and to maintain the high standards we expect in our school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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