



Olive AP Academy
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Dear parent/carers

E-Cigarettes

Olive academies take a very serious stance on vaping and the use of e-cigarette devices in order to protect the health and wellness of our students and community. As you are likely aware, the use of these products has become rampant. Roughly 1 in 5 secondary school students reported this use. This trend affects secondary schools, both public and private, across the country.

As we have seen in the news over the past few months, healthy youth have put themselves at risk of severe lung injury and death by using electronic delivery of nicotine and other substances.

E-cigarettes (Vape) are often available in different flavours which can be appealing to young people and may expose them to chemicals and toxins such as formaldehyde, heavy metals, particulate matter and flavouring chemicals, at levels that have the potential to cause adverse health effects. Sometimes vapes are disguised as USB's, pens and cosmetics.

Electronic cigarettes (E-cigarettes) can contain high levels of nicotine. Adolescence is a critical period for brain development and exposure to nicotine can have long-term health consequences, impacting memory, attention and learning.

With immediate effect from Thursday 26 May 2022, any student found with an e-cigarette on the academy site will have it confiscated and parents will need to collect it from the academy.

Please join our efforts by discussing with your children the risks of the electronic delivery of nicotine and other substances and supporting our efforts to stop these being

Yours sincerely

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