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Dear Parent/Carer

Along with many other secondary schools in Scotland we have noticed an increase in the number of young people experimenting with smoking and vaping. Regrettably, this is sometimes taking place on school premises and, as I am sure you will agree, it is a behaviour we do not wish to see in Ayr Academy.

The reality is that most young people think that vaping is safe and acceptable, and they do not understand that most of these products contain nicotine. While current evidence shows that vapes are less harmful than smoking tobacco, they are not harm-free and we do not know what damage they could cause to human health in the long-term.

Furthermore, the law in Scotland makes **it illegal for anyone under 18 to buy e-cigarettes or vapes**, also known as tobacco and nicotine vapour products (NVPs). It also means anyone buying NVPs for those underage will also be breaking the law.

- Vaping and smoking is strictly forbidden on school premises – inside and outside;
- Vapes are a type of nicotine vapour product (NVP) and it is illegal for retailers to sell vapes to under 18's
- Vape / cigarettes will be confiscated
- Parents/carers will be contacted and invited in to school for a discussion with DHT/PTG

We want to promote a healthy environment within our school community so would appreciate if you would take time to discuss this issue at home.

Yours sincerely

Laura Traynor

Mrs Laura Traynor
Head Teacher

Respect

Ambition

Community
Believe...Achieve

Compassion

Responsibility

