



# Aston Fields Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Vaping Factsheet

We are sure you will be aware of the recent media coverage highlighting concerns about the growing problem of teenagers trying vapes. A recent survey shows the number of children aged 11-17 who have tried vaping once or twice has increased by 50%, compared to 2022, and is now in the thousands.

There are many concerns over the lack of regulations related to how vapes are marketed and how packaging can be designed to be attractive to young people. There is also a concern of vapes being disguised as everyday items, such as highlighter pens, as shown in the pictures below. This reflects how it can be challenging for parents/carers to spot if their child has a vape in their possession.



Although we have not seen an issue with vapes as yet at Aston Fields Middle School, we are aware that schools locally are concerned about vape usage within their community and we do not want to be complacent. Therefore, we wish to highlight the dangers that vaping can potentially bring to young people and the risk faced from some irresponsible retailers who sell them to under 18s, thus breaking the law.

We are attaching a helpful guide, containing facts and information about the risks and concerns. We hope this will be helpful to keep you informed, enable discussions with young people in your own family and share it with other people you know.

Kind regards,

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