



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

## CHILTERN EDGE

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Vaping

This week we have discovered that several Year 8 and 9 students have been purchasing vapes and bringing them into school. As you can imagine vaping in school is not something we will accept and is covered in our behaviour policy. We will be working hard to educate our students about this matter over the next few days.

The law is also clear on vapes that it is prohibited for anyone under 18 to purchase e-liquids and c-cigarettes. Moreover, currently there are no long-term studies surrounding the effects of vapes especially on adolescents. We do know however that these devices contain nicotine, tobacco, toxins and other habit-forming substances and are clearly not good for the long-term health and well-being of our students.

I know from discussing this matter with other heads, reading the educational press and social media this matter is prevalent in many schools. However, at MECE we pride ourselves on our small respectful community, on knowing the students and supporting them through adolescence. Therefore, I am very disappointed that this has happened and that students have made a conscious decision to conduct themselves in such a manner in our school.

Unfortunately, due to the circumstances surrounding these discoveries the students concerned have been suspended for several days.

I am always so proud of the way the school and parents work together to support the student to make better choices and I am sure this will be the case in this matter as well. Please can you re-iterate to your children that students discovered vaping at school and bringing vapes into school will face strong sanctions.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher