



## Beths Grammar School

an 11 – 18 selective school with academy status

Headteacher: Mr R J Blyghton

29<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Re: Information on adulterated Vapes in Schools**

We would like to take the opportunity to share some useful information with you regarding adulterated vapes. As you may well be aware, there was recently a very well publicised incident in an Eltham school where several school age students were hospitalised having reportedly used a vape 'laced with the illegal drug, Spice.'

<https://www.newsshopper.co.uk/news/24116030.five-eltham-school-kids-hospital-using-zombie-drug-vape/>

Whilst we do not feel that vaping is a major issue here at Beths Grammar School, we are keen to ensure that our parents and carers are aware of the potential risks posed to young people in relation to this substance. Please therefore see the attached information sheet, provided by Bexley LEA regarding this matter.

We would take this opportunity to remind our parents and carers that we are a non-smoking school, and we reserve the right to search any student we suspect to be in possession of any banned or prohibited items, in line with DfE (Department for Education) guidance. Please note that any students found to have any banned or prohibited items on their person, including vapes will be held to account in line with our school behaviour policy.

We would encourage to you discuss this with your young person at your earliest convenience. Indeed, we believe that a proactive, educative, and supportive approach is always most appropriate when addressing issues such as smoking or vaping and we thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further then please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

Yours sincerely,

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