



Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to write to you and inform you regarding an increasing trend we have seen on school premises. I am aware this is something that has affected many schools but I write to both inform you and make you aware of the sanctions regarding this occurrence.

Over the last few months we have seen an increase in pupils bringing vapes onto school premises. Most pupils have bought these in local shops (which is against the law) or been sold them by other pupils.

Pupils having these on site is extremely serious. These are against the law for young people to buy; they are also dangerous as they contain nicotine, which is addictive. They may also contain other chemicals, including illegal drugs.

**If a pupil is seen with a vape on school premises they will be excluded. If a pupil is known to have purchased or sold a vape they will also face exclusion. If they continue to do so, the exclusions will double until they are permanently excluded from Mary Immaculate.**

The presence of these devices will not be tolerated on school premises and I would ask that you speak to your son or daughter regarding this as it seems some shops locally are breaking the law in selling to children- we will of course report these to the Police. Please speak to your children about how dangerous these are and what the implications are if they bring these onto school premises.

I thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

H.Powell  
Headteacher