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Dear all,

We have received reports that parents in some areas of Welwyn Hatfield have been providing Electronic Cigarettes to their children and others under the age of 18. In response, Hertfordshire Constabulary have issued the following guidance and would be grateful if you could share this information to students and their families.

Dangers

Most e-cigarettes and vapes contain nicotine. Nicotine is highly addictive and can impact brain development. Research shows that using e-cigarettes from a young age can make users **twice as likely** to suffer from a chronic cough. Vaping can reduce the function of the user's lungs and can also lower the immune system

Legislation

Under The Children and Families Act 2014 it is illegal to sell certain nicotine inhaling products to persons aged under 18 and for an adult to purchase nicotine inhaling products on behalf of a person aged under 18.

What will happen?

Anyone under the age of 18 found to be in possession of any e-cigarette or vaping product will have the item(s) confiscated. Any adult or retailer found to be selling products to anyone under the age of 18 will be prosecuted for the offence.

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What to do...

If you see anyone under the age of 18 being supplied or sold any form of e-cigarette or vaping product, please contact Hertfordshire Constabulary on 101.

Yours Sincerely

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