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**Dear Parents and Carers** 

Thank you for your patience as we have changed our management information system from Bromcom (Mychildatschool) to Arbor. We hope you have all been able to log in and that any teething issues have now been resolved. If you do still have any problems, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Unfortunately we have had a slight increase at school at the number of children vaping, particularly in Year 11. At Abbot Beyne School we have a zero tolerance policy on vaping. Vaping is strictly prohibited due to the associated health risks, its addictive nature and the fact that it is illegal for anyone under 18 to purchase or use vaping products. While vaping is often perceived as less harmful than smoking, the long-term effects remain uncertain and there are growing concerns about its impact on health. We are committed to supporting students who want to quit vaping or seek advice on its dangers. Therefore I want to remind parents of the sanctions we have at school.

For any child caught vaping they automatically receive a suspension from school. As well as not being allowed to attend school for a fixed period of time, as with any suspension, this means that a child cannot attend the end of year rewards event.

If a child is caught with a vape, or in the same cubicle as another child in the toilets (we assume they are vaping as we see no other reason for this to happen), then the first time they will receive an hour long after school detention and the second time will be suspension.

We want to work with you to stop our young people from vaping and we can signpost or refer children to help organisations if you feel this would benefit your child.

A reminder to parents that we have a number of Year 11 and Sixth Form revision sessions at the school over the Easter holidays that your child can sign up for.

Kind regards

Mr Jamie Tickle

Headteacher

