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## King's Academy College Park

A King's Group Academy

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### Vaping Concern

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been brought to our attention today that a number of children have been exposed to other children using vapes. This has been happening at College Park after school and is beginning to cause problems inside of school. Our concern is that the use of vapes is being promoted to pupils at King's Academy College Park as glamorous and acceptable by older children at the park.

We have been informed that our pupils are being approached by older children to purchase vapes, potentially costing up to £10.

We would like to emphasise that vapes are a substance, and are harmful to our bodies and particularly for young children who are still developing physically. It is illegal for children under the age of 18 to purchase or use e-cigarettes. The World Health Organisation released a report last year saying vaping is "harmful" and that e-cigarettes could act as a "gateway" to conventional cigarettes.

Please be vigilant with your children, the vapes we have found look harmless and like pens but they are a risk to your child's health.



We ask that if your child has shared with you that they have been approached at College Park to purchase a vape please let us know. The school has already made contact with the Police Community Support Officers about the situation and the school leadership team are carrying out spot checks at the park after school.

Many thanks

Mrs R Carlyle  
Headteacher