



FPTA Academies

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AMI/Banned substances

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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Zero Tolerance re Banned Substances

In recent weeks, we have had to deal with several students in the older year groups that have been caught smoking on the school site, or immediately outside the school gate.

I would like to remind you that smoking on publicly owned sites is illegal, as is smoking by any person below the age of 16. Smoking in school uniform also brings the name of the school into disrepute.

In response to this, as of Monday 27th November 2017, we will be carrying out regular searches of any student we believe to be carrying any smoking material. This will include students who do not smoke but whom we believe are carrying smoking related items on behalf of other students. Members of the Senior Leadership Team or House Team will carry out these searches.

Any students caught with smoking related substances, or any other banned item, will have these items confiscated, the items will then be disposed of within school. If any banned items are found following a search, parents will be notified. For repeat offenders, sanctions will also be put in place. In addition, I would like to remind you that, with parental consent, the school can arrange support for any student to help them stop smoking.

A list of all banned items can be found on the school website, at the following link:

<http://www.robertnapier.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=514&type=pdf>

I am sure you will agree that it is essential we operate a zero tolerance policy with regard to the possession and use of banned items in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Minchin
Headteacher