

05 June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

**RE: Principals Update – Term 6**

I do hope this letter finds you well after enjoying a longer bank holiday weekend. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to school tomorrow.

A quick reminder that all students are welcome to attend breakfast club for free from 7.30am. There are bagels, teacakes and cereals available to all students, free of charge. All students should then be in school by 8.30 ready for lesson 1 at 8.40am.

If you haven't done so already please do take a look at our newsletter that sets out just some of what Oak students got up to last half term. [T5.pdf \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](#). There are lots of extracurricular opportunities again this half term, starting with our weekly programme which can be found at the following link [Extra Curricular Activities - Oak Academy \(oak-academy.co.uk\)](#)

**Uniform**

Within the letter there were also important reminders about uniform. Most students are wearing our uniform well and in line with our policy. We thank you as parents for this. There are those however, despite support, who continue to wear incorrect uniform. As mentioned in the newsletter, we will look to send students home to change, ask them to change into some of our uniform or isolate them if they arrive in incorrect uniform. Our biggest issues tend to be around girls wearing leggings or skirts that are far too short.

**Electronic Cigarettes (Vapes)**

Towards the end of last half term we saw a rise in the number of students choosing to bring and use 'vapes' on school site. Unfortunately, the new disposable 'vapes' appear very appealing to children/young adults and we have been informed that some shops are selling them to people underage. We are also aware that some parents allow their child to vape in the home and while we are unable to control this we **will sanction students who bring and use them at school**. With this in mind, the following actions will be taken if we catch a student vaping onsite or are informed that a student is carrying a vape.

1. The students will be asked if they are in possession of a vape. If they confirm they are they will be asked to hand it in.
2. If they deny this, however we have reason to believe they are we will ask them to voluntarily empty pockets and bags.
3. If a vape is handed over or found this will be disposed of. We will inform you as parent/carers and students will be set a 1hr detention the following day, in line with our policy.
4. If a child refuses to empty pockets and bags parents will be contacted to support with this.

If you have any concerns with this, please do not hesitate to contact me at [hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk](mailto:hayley.richley@oak-academy.co.uk)

As always many thanks for your support

Yours Sincerely,



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