



Blandford St. Mary
CE Primary School

'Let all that you do be done in love'

'Love, Hope, Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Educating Our Children About the Dangers of Vaping

Today, our Safer Schools & Communities Officer (SSCO), Albert Pepper visited our school this afternoon to speak to our Year 6 children about the legalities and dangers of vaping. As a school, we are committed to safeguarding our children and ensuring they have the knowledge to make informed and healthy choices.

As you may be aware, vaping has become an increasing concern among young people.

Research shows that:

- Over 20% of 11-15 year-olds have tried vaping at least once.
- The number of young people using vapes has tripled in the last three years.
- Many vapes contain high levels of nicotine, which can be highly addictive and harmful to their developing brains.
- There are growing concerns about the long-term health effects of vaping, particularly on the lungs.

It is illegal for under-18s to buy or use vapes, yet the accessibility and marketing of these products mean that young people are more exposed than ever. Our SSCO's session today helped to educate our children about the risks and legal implications, reinforcing the importance of making positive health choices.

We encourage you to continue this conversation at home. If you would like any guidance or resources on discussing vaping with your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kindest regards

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