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Serious safety concerns

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you today regarding two separate serious safety concerns that have arisen in recent weeks.

Parking

There are a growing number of parents/carers who are stopping/parking in an unsafe way when picking their children up at the end of the day. We are aware of how tight our car parking space is and have explored various options for improving it. Unfortunately, as the school railings are protected and listed, we are unable to make any change to the layout. Consequently, we are relying on our parents/carers to stick to the safety measures we have in place.

Please read the list below and adhere to it all times to ensure the safest environment for all of our students.

- All parents/carers who drive onto the school site to collect a child at the end of the day must park in one of the visitor spaces at the far end of the car park.
- Parents/carers must not stop/park at the top end of the car park or in the narrow gap nearest to the school entrance.
- We realise that there won't always be space for every car. In these circumstances, you will need to park on the road outside school – but not on the zig-zag area.
- The disabled spaces are reserved for those parents/carers who have permission to use them from us. At the moment, there are only two parents who have permission to use these spaces. Please do not stop/park in this area at any time unless authorised to do so.

Vaping

We have increasing numbers of students who are reporting that they are using vaping as a self-soothing tool and/or have been caught with vaping equipment on school site.

Please be aware of the following in relation to vaping amongst young people:

- The science behind vaping is still unknown and uncertain, but there is growing evidence of significant harm and risk for young people, both from the vapes themselves and from the act of vaping leading onto other drug use/smoking.
- It is a criminal offence to supply vaping equipment to young people under the age of 18.
- Any parent condoning or supplying vaping equipment is breaking the law.

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From a school perspective, vaping will be treated in exactly the same way as smoking, alcohol or drugs. Specifically, any student caught vaping or with vaping materials during the school day faces the risk of exclusion and of losing their placement here at JPC. This includes Year 11 students who are off site at lunchtime. I would ask all parents/carers to discuss this issue with their child and ensure that the consequences are clear.

I look forward to your support in these two serious matters.

Yours sincerely,



Phill Arrowsmith
Headteacher

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