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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term, children in Years 5 & 6 have been learning about the harmful effects of various substances on the human body, such as smoking (including passive smoking).

As you may be aware, there are various signs and banners around the school to politely ask parents not to smoke/vape on or near the school site. Even if parents or members of the community smoke outside of the school gates, the impact of passive smoking is still harmful, especially to children as they have less well-developed airways, lungs and immune systems.



A World Health Organisation study in 2011 estimated that 200,000 children die each year from passive smoking, as well as the numerous other side effects it causes, such as asthma, chest infections (like pneumonia and bronchitis), meningitis, ear infections, coughs and colds. We appreciate that this is uncomfortable to read, however, we want to educate parents about the impact that passive smoking near the school site could have on our children.

Our children have been out to the council car park next to the school today and have noticed dozens of cigarette butts scattered across the floor. We appreciate that this may not be caused by parents of the school, however, we wanted to bring it to your attention in case you witness anyone smoking in order for us to speak to and educate them about these statistics above. This form of littering also reflects poorly on the school as it makes the immediate area outside of the school look unsightly.

We kindly ask all parents/carers to adhere to the 'no smoking' signs around the school site for the wellbeing of all children, parents and staff at Richmond Park School, as well as the local community.

Thank you for your continued support and please let us know if you require any further information or support!

Kind regards

Mr D Cooper  
Deputy Headteacher

