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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been advised by North Yorkshire Police to inform you of a new risk to young people in the local area. This is in response to an incident at a North Yorkshire school where it was discovered a vape had been laced with the substances Spice and MDMA.

You will be aware that there has been an increase in recent years in the numbers of young people using vapes, partly because many are marketed at teenagers.

Vapes, and vaping devices are known by a variety of names, and have a variety of appearances which can make them difficult to spot, as can be seen in the images below:



We are sure you will share our grave concerns around the risks vaping exposes our learners to.

In school we will run a series of assemblies reinforcing the risks around vaping with our young people and address our concerns through the curriculum.

Vapes are a banned item in school. If a young person is vaping on the school site, the item will be confiscated and destroyed. Students will also receive a consequence for their actions.

I would ask that you have conversations with your children at home regarding these risks too.



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The following links may be useful in supporting these conversations: <https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/e-cigarettes.html> <https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/vapes> Spice: <https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/synthetic-cannabinoids?a=Spice> MDMA: <https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/ecstasy?a=MDMA>

If you have any further questions around vaping, or you are worried about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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