

26th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Important Notice: Zero Tolerance on Banned Substances and Prohibited Items

As you are aware, safeguarding our children at Rockwood Academy is our first priority.

During each academic year, we explicitly teach our pupils about the dangers of modern life. This includes topics such as Exploitation, use of weapons and misuse of banned substances. Furthermore, we conduct a series of calendared-activity to further promote safety in school. For example, in the Autumn Term we invited West Midlands Police to attend and conduct a “Knife Arch” event, where all pupils walked through an airport-style scanner and took part in a search of belongings.

This was an important event designed to say to all members of our community that they must never bring a banned item into school or carry one outside of school. This event complimented what we already conduct in weekly random searches of form groups.

With this in mind, I am writing to remind all families of our school’s strict **zero tolerance approach** regarding banned substances and prohibited items. This includes, but is not limited to, vapes, e-cigarettes, illegal substances, weapons, and any item that may pose a risk to the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

The safety of our students remains our highest priority. Therefore, bringing any banned or dangerous item onto school premises will result in immediate disciplinary action. Depending on the seriousness of the incident, this may include suspension or permanent exclusion.

We will continue to conduct random searches of pupils and their belongings. These searches may be carried out in partnership with West Midlands Police. All searches are conducted respectfully, lawfully, and in accordance with statutory guidance.

We ask for your full support in reinforcing this message at home and ensuring that your child understands the seriousness of these expectations.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely



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