



*Aim High*

*Never Give Up*

*Follow Your Dream*

*Lead By Example*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

During our recent Governor meetings, the Governors reviewed our Health and Safety Policy. As part of this work, we have now included within the policy that vaping, along with the already banned smoking, is not permitted on school site. New signs have been installed at each access point to the school site.

School has recently been made aware that there are parents/carers who are vaping/using e-cigarettes on site. This is now against school policy and persons who continue to smoke, vape or use e-cigarettes on site are breaking school policy and this activity could result in a ban from school site.

This policy is available on our school website – <http://www.norwood-school.co.uk>

It was during these meetings that the Governors also reviewed our policy regarding guide and support/assistance dogs on school site. Due to legislation, assistance dogs are fully protected under the Equality Act 2010 and are allowed into public places. Public places that an assistance dog has access rights into include shops, cafes, restaurants, hospitals, medical clinics, and public transport.

Our school policy has now been reviewed to reflect this and new signs have been installed at each access point to the school site.

If you meet the school policy for bringing a dog on to the school site, as per advice from [ADUK.co.uk](http://ADUK.co.uk), please contact the school to have a conversation about this.

Staff have been requested to challenge dogs brought onto school site, where information has not previously been shared with school. This challenge will query if the circumstances of the dog being on site does meet our clear school policy.

This policy is also available on our school website – <http://www.norwood-school.co.uk>

We thank all of our families who work with school in a supportive way to ensure our children are safe and happy.

Yours sincerely

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Head Teacher