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Dear Parents/Carers

Prohibited Items and Equipment Update

I hope you are all well. As you'll know we have a list of items that children should not bring into school for a variety of different reasons. Obviously, there are a number of dangerous and illegal items (such as weapons/alcohol/fireworks) that should never be on the academy site, but we do have other items that you may not be fully aware of. The list is below and can be subject to change

Prohibited Items:

- Energy Drinks of any kind
- Fizzy Drinks in cans/bottles
- Chewing Gum
- Jewellery other than stud earrings
- Vapes of any kind
- Elastic toys such as monkey noodles.
- Whistles

Students can bring mobile devices to school, but they should be turned off and not visible to staff. If staff witness a child using a mobile device it is confiscated and returned to students at the end of the day. The responsibility for these items being in the academy lies solely with your child.

Vapes are causing issues across every school in the country at this moment and the government are currently considering what measures will need to be taken in order to reduce the amount of young people who have and use them. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in students who are attempting to use vapes in school, this primarily takes place in toilets during lessons. I would appreciate your support in ensuring these items do not come into school otherwise we will have to take action to reduce access to toilets during the school day.

I would also like to remind you that students should bring in the correct equipment for learning. We do expect students to have:

- Pen/Pencil
- Ruler
- PE Kit
- Knowledge Organisers
- Water Bottle

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The academy supplies extra resources to students but students not having the correct equipment can lead to lost learning time and unnecessary conflict. Usually when we contact home about these issues it is clear that students have these items but have forgotten to bring them in. It would be really helpful if you could check that your child has what they need for their day at school.

Knowledge Organisers

A reminder that students must bring their Knowledge Organiser and Self Quizzing book to every lesson, so I would appreciate parental support in ensuring that this happens. Your child's teachers will direct the students as to how to use the Knowledge Organisers. There are a number of ways that they may be used, for example, to learn key content in a lesson. Students can also use them independently at home to recap what they have done in their lessons.

Parental Survey

This year's parental survey is now live. This is an opportunity to provide feedback on your child's school to help us identify areas for improvement. We are interested in your views on a range of areas including how the school communicates with you, how you support your child's learning at home and your relationship with your child's school.

If you have more than one child at the school, complete the survey with **your eldest child in mind**. You are welcome to complete the survey for each child if you would like to.

It is possible for more than one parent/carer to complete the survey for a child. Please feel free to share the survey link with additional parent/carers if they have not received it.

Please click on this link to complete: <https://edurio.com/poll/tn1yiG>

As well as United Learning running a £25 Amazon prize draw, the academy is running its own draw for a £50 Love2Shop voucher.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely

Richard McGuire
Principal