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# Ormiston Bolingbroke Academy

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**Principal: Kathryn Evans BA (Hons) NPQH**



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Dear Parents and Carers

You will be aware that we alerted you to an incident on Tuesday whereby a student was taken ill and the emergency services called to site. This student had consumed non prescribed medication prior to coming to school.

We wanted to make you aware of this straight away on the day, to prevent any undue concern. We are pleased to let you know that the student received excellent medical support and is now recovering. As you know, student confidentiality is very important, but we wanted to share this update with you as there has been some interest from the media. We also wanted to make you aware that at the same time, another student was found with a vaping device, alleged to have contained an illegal substance, which is a prohibited item and was immediately confiscated.

Our behaviour policy and sanctions are clear on the matter of prohibited items, and we implemented the necessary steps immediately. This student will not be returning to the academy. While this was an isolated incident which did not impact our wider student body, we have of course treated it extremely seriously and remain committed to ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of all our students, alongside upholding high standards in behaviour.

To this end, please see at the bottom of this letter an image of the device confiscated that is readily available online. With so many varieties on sale, parents should be extra vigilant.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our [behaviour policy](#), found on our website, which outlines our expectations for students, including our policy on prohibited items being brought on to school grounds.

We will be continuing to reiterate to students our high expectations for behaviour in the coming weeks and appreciate your support and cooperation in helping to keep our school community safe. Thank you, as ever for your ongoing support. If you have any questions or concerns, or require further support, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Please email Miss Porschke our Vice Principal and Safeguarding lead. [z.porschke@ob-ac.co.uk](mailto:z.porschke@ob-ac.co.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Evans'.

Kathryn Evans  
**Principal**

Prohibited and illegal vaping device as referenced:

