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Dear Parent/Carer

In line with our school prayer, 'St Nicholas Owen, make this school a safe refuge...', you will be aware that the safety of the students in our care is of paramount importance to us. We are writing, therefore, to advise you of our commitment as a school to work with community groups and the Police to try and tackle our concern that some young people are involved in dangerous anti-social activities in the surrounding communities which the school serves. The Academy Committee also feels, as part of this programme, that it is necessary to reiterate the line that the school will take in the event that it has to deal with a matter relating to drugs or an offensive weapon.

This statement which has been read in full to students in assemblies today has been agreed by the Full Academy Committee following a discussion at their meeting on 16 October 2018.

"The Academy Committee of this school has asked that I speak to you today to make sure that you understand the following:

If you bring drugs and/or items related to drugs and drug taking into this school then you will be permanently excluded from this school.

It does not matter whether you brought these items onto site accidentally or deliberately, if they are yours or you are looking after them for someone else. If you walk onto this site with drugs and/or items related to drug taking and these items are found on your person, in your bag, in your locker or can be linked to you in any way then you will no longer be able to attend Hagley Catholic High School.

This is called zero tolerance which means that you need to expect this consequence if this is what you choose to do.

The school will also severely sanction if you are involved in any drug related incident which takes place when you are in school uniform and travelling to and from school. Similarly, if you are seen to be actively promoting drugs or drug culture, including via social media, you can expect to be severely sanctioned by the school.

We are well aware that there are drugs and drug taking out in the local community but we will not have it here in our school and cannot and will not condone it in any environment.

In addition, if you are found to be in possession of an offensive weapon on this site, then this will result in a permanent exclusion.

The school will also severely sanction if you are involved in any incident involving an offensive weapon when you are in school uniform and travelling to and from school. Also, if you are seen to be actively promoting knife crime or offensive weapons including via social media you can expect to be severely sanctioned by the school.

It is also important that you know that the school can also refer any concerns relating to drugs and/or offensive weapons to the Police which can result in a criminal record for the person concerned."

We appreciate the hard hitting nature of this statement but believe it is a necessary part of our duty of care.

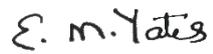
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We are very reassured by the level of support and understanding that we receive from parents/carers regarding these issues and ask only that you work with us and trust us to act in the best interests of every student in the school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "E. M. Yates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'E' and 'Y'.

Elaine Yates  
Chair of the Academy Committee