

6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

The school has been contacted by the Metropolitan Police regarding sweets containing Cannabis, commonly known as “edibles”. These sweets are very dangerous and illegal because they contain a psychoactive drug known as Tetrahydrocannabinol, better known as THC. There have been several cases where young people have been rushed to hospital due to the negative psychological impact, especially on young minds.

Please be vigilant around your children's online use and communications on Social Media. Below are some images of the sweet wrappers, which are the same as branded sweets bought regularly at the local shop or supermarket. The key difference is what is written on the packaging.



If at any time you believe your child may be under the influence of a mind enhancing substance, seek immediate medical attention, via 999 (Ambulance) or attend A&E. Some signs to look out for are:

- Poor coordination of limbs and distorted senses
- Anxiety
- Paranoia
- Liveliness
- Lethargic/very tired and weak
- Increased appetite
- Slurred speech
- May have a surge of energy
- Increased heart rate.

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Please remember this list is not exhaustive and affects individuals differently, so do seek medical attention immediately if concerned or suspicious.

Having access to these drugs is a criminal offence and any person found to have distributed them are liable for prosecution.

The Safeguarding and Pastoral Team are always available to discuss your concerns, so please call the school on 0207 9871883. Additional support and information can be sourced from your GP and other organisations listed below:

Family Lives  
familylives.org.uk  
0808 800 2222

Young minds  
youngminds.org.uk  
0808 802 5544

Childline  
Childline.org.uk  
0800 1111

NSPCC  
NSPCC.org.uk  
0808 800 5000

Yours sincerely,



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