



# The Eaglewood School

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Dear Parent/Carers

It is with great regret that I am having to write this letter to you today as I didn't think we would ever get to this point. However, with more and more students hiding prohibited items on their person in the mornings and then causing significant issues with them during the day, I feel I have been left with no choice but to take the following steps.

Students are repeatedly being found, during the day with phones, vapes and lighters. This is causing huge disruption for staff and is the source of much confrontation.

All staff at Eaglewood school want the very best outcomes for your Sons and Daughters but our rules are in place for very good reasons and the current disregard for them needs to be addressed.

Due to this, all students, suspected of not handing over prohibited items in the morning or on arrival at school will be checked with a hand-held metal detector. These are non-invasive and are sensitive enough to pick up items from a distance of 5 to 10 cm away from the body.

Any student who is still unwilling to hand over the item will be refused entry to the school buildings and parents will be called to assist in removing the prohibited item.

It goes without saying that this measure will be used only on students we suspect are trying to smuggle prohibited items into school.

I am sorry that we are having to introduce this new control measure but we are unable to carry on with the current situation.

If you wish to discuss any of this with me further, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number above.

Thanks as always for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Nigel Himmel**  
**Headteacher**