

Mathematics & Computing Academy
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Hertfordshire County Council's Public Health team has recently been supporting schools to deal with vaping issues. To get an understanding of vaping and/or smoking habits and what influences young people's decisions to vape or smoke they are requesting that parents and students complete a short survey.

Currently there is no provision to support a young person that would like to stop vaping. Through the survey, they want to understand if young people feel they need a support service or additional support to help them quit vaping.

The survey link is here, <a href="https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/CYPsmokingandvapingsurvey/">https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/CYPsmokingandvapingsurvey/</a> Or can be accessed by scanning the QR code:



This survey closes on Friday 9th February 2024.

As a school we strongly encourage you and your child to complete this survey. The results (along with feedback from focus groups) will also give an insight to help the public health team to develop effective messaging, communications and to work with young people to co-produce a local awareness campaign specifically to:

- promote support services available for young people in Hertfordshire who want to stop smoking and/or vaping.
- re-enforce the key message: "If you don't smoke don't vape."
- highlight legislation and the consequences of underage purchasing of vapes.
- deter young people from starting to vape.

This very much aligns with the 'Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping' consultation and the Tobacco and Vapes Bill, which will be going to Parliament this year.

Yours faithfully

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