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ANTI-VAPING POLICY & AWARENESS

Prohibiting Vaping / E-Cigarettes and Promoting a Drug-Free Campus

Dear Parents and Students,

In alignment with national health guidelines and initiatives like the Nasha Mukt Vidyalaya Abhiyan CBSE circular CBSE/ACAD/AP&AD(AC)/2026, Circular No: Acad-55/2026, dated 17.08.2026, our school maintains a strict **zero-tolerance policy** toward the possession, use, distribution, or promotion of vaping products.

Initiatives taken by the School:

To educate the students about harmful effects of drug abuse an **Anti- Narcotics Awareness Workshop** was conducted by Anti- Narcotics Task Force, Kokan Unit, Sanpada, Navi Mumbai.

For **Drug Free India, Nasha Mukt Bharat pledge** was taken by the students.

➢ Understanding the Risks of Vaping

Many youths mistakenly believe that e-cigarettes or "vapes" are harmless water vapour. However, health authorities highlight severe underlying risks:

- **Highly Addictive Nicotine:** Most vapes contain high concentrations of nicotine, which alters adolescent brain development, affecting memory, attention, and impulse control.
- **Toxic Chemical Inhalation:** Vaping aerosols expose lungs to carcinogens, heavy metals, ultra-fine particles, and industrial chemicals not meant for inhalation.
- **Mental Health Impacts:** Nicotine dependence is heavily linked to mood deregulation, spikes in anxiety, irritability, and sleep disruption.

➢ School Rules & Strict Prohibitions

The following rules apply to all students during school hours, on school transport, and during any school-sponsored external trips or digital activities:

- **Absolute Ban:** Students must not bring, use, distribute, sell, or be in possession of any electronic cigarettes, vaping devices, pods, e-liquids, or related accessories on school grounds.
- **Immediate Confiscation:** Any suspected vaping device or accessory found will be confiscated immediately and will not be returned to the student.
- **Disciplinary Action:** Violating this policy will result in strict disciplinary measures, including mandatory parental meetings, suspension, or formal counselling protocols.

➢ The Legal Framework in India: What Everyone Must Know

In India, vaping is not just a health hazard; it is a severe **criminal and statutory offense** under central laws.

The PECA Act, 2019: Under the **Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act (PECA), 2019,** the production, manufacture, import, export, transport, sale (including online delivery), distribution, storage, and advertisement of all e-cigarettes and vaping devices are **completely illegal in India.**

Digital and Social Media Promotions: It is illegal to promote, review, or market vaping products online. Social media influencers or local internet sellers attempting to distribute vapes to minors face immediate prosecution under the PECA Act.

Criminal Penalties: Fine and Imprisonment

Any person who contravenes this provision will be punishable with imprisonment of up to one year, or a fine.

➢ The Role of Parents and Guardians

Preventing vaping is a shared responsibility. E-cigarettes are often designed to look like everyday items, such as USB flash drives, pens, highlighters, or smartwatches. We urgently request parents to:

- **Monitor Personal Belongings:** Periodically check your child's backpack and clothes for unfamiliar electronic items or unusual sweet/fruity aromas.
- **Talk Openly:** Have candid conversations about peer pressure and the commercial tactics used by manufacturers to target youth.
- **Collaborate:** If you suspect your child is struggling with nicotine dependency, please reach out to our school counsellor so we can provide supportive care rather than just punitive action.

➢ Proactive Steps by the School

To curb this issue, the school is actively executing the following measures:

- **Educational Integration:** Age-appropriate sessions on tobacco and vape refusal strategies are being built into our curriculum.
- **Enhanced Monitoring:** Increased vigilance in blind spots, including restrooms, alongside the exploration of anonymous student reporting channels.
- Our campus strictly adheres to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFEI) Guidelines. The school administration is fully authorized to conduct **random frisking and drives** to confiscate illegal electronic nicotine products.

We appreciate your unwavering cooperation in safeguarding the health, focus, and future of our children.

With Regards

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Principal