



Coláiste Dún Iascaigh

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to take this opportunity to address rumours that are circulating in the community and are having a significant impact on our students and their families.

Tuesday 5th October:

A senior student inhaled an adjustable vaping device during lunchtime downtown and fainted. This student was released from hospital that evening.

Thursday 7th of October:

At 8.30am prior to school beginning a student inhaled from an adjustable vaping device. Approximately ninety minutes later that student had a serious medical event in a classroom. We wish to thank the staff of the local medical centre who were on the scene within minutes and the local paramedics who supported us at this time. We are very lucky in the Coláiste that all our SNA team are fully trained as First Aiders and are available to our students every day in this capacity.

Importantly we want to take this opportunity to thank our students, school staff for dealing responsibly and professionally in a time of great stress for all concerned. ***Neither student had taken any illegal substance***, and this has been confirmed in toxicology reports but did suffer from “**Anti-Freeze Poisoning**” from regular vape oil. Both vaping devices that were used were adjustable where larger volumes of vape can be inhaled at one time.

Thankfully both students are now well.

Videos Released:

Unfortunately, two videos were recorded and released on social media and any young person/adult who has shared these videos have done so without any regard or concern for people involved.

We understand from talking to students about the incident on Thursday that they thought the student was pretending to be asleep when the video was taken.

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Vaping:

We would encourage parents/guardians to be firm with their sons/daughters about the dangers of vaping and its impact on others. The school consistently educates students, monitors, and sanctions (in line with code of behaviour) students in this area. Furthermore, we will be liaising with local Gardai about strategies to ensure our students are aware of their responsibilities in respecting our *core values as a school community of respect for self and others and care of self and others.*

The events of last week should not overshadow the wonderful and exceptional developments occurring within our school. Last Thursday evening over two hundred students were playing sports on our school fields and another forty were working hard in preparing for our school musical. Last Friday week our school staff engaged in peer-to-peer training on how we as a staff can develop further our Teaching and Learning processes so that we continue to raise our standards in terms of *Excellence in Education.*

Finally, we would ask that if any Parent/Guardian has any information that you feel we as a school community should know, call in and tell us. Lastly can we ask that out of respect for our students, their families and the school community that mistruths and false information are not spread and gossiped about.

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