

Circular No. P-27/22

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**DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL**  
BRS NAGAR LUDHIANA

Dear Parents

Greetings from DAV!

I wish to invite your attention towards a very disturbing trend being seen among the youngsters these days. Many children are exploring the use of vape (e-cigarette), out of curiosity, peer pressure and the wrong notion of masculinity being attached to it. We know that *smoking in a public place is an offence by law in India* and e – cigarette is no exception to this.

School authorities are getting information that some students of the school are bringing vape/e-cigarettes to school and are influencing their friends/peers to use it. Our teaching staff is regularly counselling the students about its harmful effects, searching the school bags of the students at random for confiscating the vape and informing their parents. Even special PTMs were conducted for the parents of classes IX to XII to apprise them about this new age problem. Surprisingly, some parents admitted that it's with their consent that their ward is using it, but school can not allow such a habit forming trend in its own premises. You can read about vaping and its the effects in the following links –

<https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/wellness-and-prevention/5-truths-you-need-to-know-about-vaping>

<https://www.webmd.com/smoking-cessation/ss/slideshow-vaping-body-effects>

In order to protect the physical health of our students and to make them morally strong, we have adopted a 'no tolerance' policy towards it. To root out the problem from the school campus and for saving our young generation from this modern menace, the school

authorities and the staff members have unanimously decided to take the following stringent steps –

- Imposing a fine of Rs. 2500/- in case any student is found possessing or using the vape/e-cigarette in the school, along with suspension for 3 working days from the school for the first offence.
- The child will be taken in only after submission of a written apology and an assurance by the parents not to repeat the offence.
- Any subsequent offence will invite immediate rustication from the school.

We understand that punishment is not the only way to solve any problem, but it's only with parental support that we can nip this evil in the bud, and will not need to take the stringent steps. School counsellor, senior teachers and the Principal are always available for counselling and guiding the students to kick any such bad habit.

We seek your cooperation in the best interest of your own wards.

Thanks & Regards

(J.K. Sidhu)  
Principal