



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are working with your child's school on a project on Vaping amongst Children and Young People in Salford which is called "The Vape Debate" and wanted to tell you about it.

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The number of children vaping is increasing and evidence shows they are starting at a younger age. It is vital that we understand the current picture in Salford so that services can help our young people be as healthy as they can be.

The project will aim to determine the extent of vaping amongst children in Salford, via three surveys: one aimed at children; one for parents/guardians; one for teachers.

We hope that pupils will be allocated time to complete the anonymous survey during lesson. If you do not consent to your child/ren completing this survey please contact your school office. Otherwise we assume you give consent for your child to complete the survey in school.

The surveys will launch w/c February 24th and will remain open until March 30th.

The link for the parent survey is here:

https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/thevapedebatePSPschool/

It should take approx 5 minutes to complete anonymously and we would be grateful if you could complete it before March 30th. If you have more than one child at Primary school please complete one survey for each child.

The feedback from the surveys will go into a report which will be published on our website in summer. The report will include recommendations about actions that services need to take in order to improve the issue of vaping amongst young people in Salford. And we promise to follow up on the project a year later to check those improvements have been made.

Yours faithfully

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