



Thursday, 8 December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Urgent Health and Safety Notice: Aerosol Sprays**

Following on from my message a few weeks ago, I would like to remind all parents and students that aerosol sprays are not permitted for use at The Sittingbourne School and that deodorants must be a roll-on.

The use of aerosol deodorant sprays has caused several very serious incidents in school in the last few weeks and this has been particularly unpleasant and somewhat frightening for all those concerned.

As you are no doubt aware, aerosol sprays can trigger a range of respiratory conditions including asthma attacks. When aerosol gases are breathed in, they trigger inflammation of the airways of the lungs which can cause very serious and sometimes life-threatening symptoms.

Despite repeated reminders to students and parents/carers, a small number of students persist in bringing aerosols into school and this makes our school unsafe for all of us, particularly those who are adversely affected by aerosol gases.

Please help us by ensuring that your child does not bring aerosol sprays to school. We understand that students may need to freshen up after PE or Outdoor Education etc but students should bring in a roll-on deodorant for this purpose instead of an aerosol. If found, aerosol deodorants will be confiscated by staff and they will not be returned to students due to the serious impact they have on the health of a number of people at The Sittingbourne School. Instead, we will ask parents to come and collect the aerosol. In cases where students are found with aerosol sprays, we will consider this a very serious breach of the school rules and severe sanctions will be applied.

I hope you will understand the need for the school to take a firm stance on this matter. In general, the vast majority of our school community have responded well to this request but we need to ensure that we are all playing our part in making sure our school is safe for all students and adults.

Many thanks for your continued support and do please get in touch if you need to discuss this further.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Smith'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'N' and a smaller 'Smith'.

Mr N Smith  
Headteacher