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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Narcotics Search Dogs Team at TBS

Unfortunately, the temptation of drugs is a very real issue for young people today. Through our PSHE programme our students are made aware of the dangers and the legalities surrounding drugs and narcotics. We also have external agencies providing education and advice. Whilst it is our duty to educate and provide appropriate support for those in need, we also have a very clear zero tolerance policy on drugs in school.

Other schools in the area such as; Bourne End Academy, Great Marlow and Sir William Borlase have taken the proactive approach of bringing in the Narcotics Search Dogs Team funded by their local police. Unfortunately, we fall out of this catchment but are committed to support the national agenda to improve awareness in young people of the dangers of taking illegal substances. Therefore, we too will have another planned visit from the Narcotics Search Dogs Team, which will take place during the spring term.

The dogs are highly trained to identify any trace of narcotic, including residue on clothing or bags. If a dog makes an indication by a student they will be taken to the student support area to be searched. Can I stress, this does not mean that the student will necessarily be in possession of drugs but may indeed be contaminated in some way. This will be reiterated to all students who experience the dogs during their visit. Should any searches be necessary, parents will be informed of the outcome immediately.

Should you want further help or advice please see the contacts below:

<http://www.talktofrank.com/sites/default/files/Legal%20Highs%20Leaflet.pdf>

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/drugs/Pages/Drugsoverview.aspx>

<http://www.druginfo.adf.org.au/drug-facts/legal-highs>

www.talktofrank.com

<https://www.drugwatch.com/health/children/>

Yours faithfully

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