



Today's Date

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Dear Guardians Salutation

I write to inform you that we have received a number of complaints from staff/the public that a group of pupils are regularly smoking in and around the school grounds. **Child Known As** has been seen in this group.

We appreciate that not all pupils in this group may be smoking but pupils at Breadalbane Academy are encouraged to participate in a healthy lifestyle and second-hand smoking is known to cause ill health.

Smoking is also strictly prohibited under Perth & Kinross Council guidelines adjacent to entrances to buildings and in view of services users (includes pupils) and members of the public and the law states that:

- You need to be 18 to buy tobacco (same situation in England and Wales).
- It is illegal for shops and supermarkets to sell any tobacco products in Scotland to anyone under the age of 18.
- It is illegal for anyone under 18 to buy or attempt to buy any tobacco products. This is to try and reduce the number of people exposed to smoking related diseases and to bring the law in line with alcohol. It's also illegal for anyone over 18 to buy tobacco products for people underage. Find out more about this here.
- If a police officer suspects that you are under 18 and in possession of cigarettes, tobacco or cigarette papers in a public place then they can confiscate them. If you don't cooperate with the police and hand over the items or provide your name and address if required, you are committing an offence



and you could face a fine.

- The new rules in Scotland make it illegal for anyone under 18 to buy e-cigarettes or vapes, also known as tobacco and nicotine vapour products (NVPs). It also means anyone buying NVPs for those underage will also be breaking the law.

We ask that you discuss this matter at home to encourage your child to make healthy choices.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs Gatehouse**  
**DHT**