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Dear Parents/Carers

I write to you early in the new term to ask for your support with a very important matter.

A number of students at Hawarden High School suffer from asthma, and a few suffer very seriously from the effects that can be caused by the use of cosmetic aerosols and perfume sprays. Up to this point it has always been accepted custom and practice that cosmetic aerosols should not be used around the school building for precisely this purpose and we have often asked students not to bring them into school. We have recently undertaken awareness raising with all students regarding allergies and anaphylaxis, particularly given recent media coverage. However, there is at least one specific case in school where the volatile organic chemicals emitted by cosmetic sprays can manifest itself in a very serious medical episode. In this instance, if an aerosol is used, even sprayed some distance away from the person with asthma, the gas propellant can lead to breathing problems and a possible attack. These attacks can be very serious, or indeed, fatal.

Governors have therefore made the decision to completely **ban all cosmetic aerosols from school**. This means that students are requested to only use pump sprays, roll on deodorants/sticks in and around the school building and on school trips. As is the case for other banned items, staff will confiscate any cosmetic aerosols found in school which may then only be collected by parents.

I am sure you will appreciate that this decision has been made in the best interest of the wellbeing of those students affected and I thank you in advance for your support with this matter.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher