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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to make you aware of an incident involving a young person in Bolton receiving severe burns on their face and scalp as a result of applying hair dye.

I am aware that a significant number of pupils in the school use hair dye, and it is vitally important that they apply it safely, to avoid similar injury to any of our students.

For any brand of hair dye, there is a standard set of guidelines that must be followed whenever it is used:

- Do not leave the dye on your head any longer than recommended.
- Rinse your scalp thoroughly with water after use.
- Wear gloves when applying hair dye.
- Do a patch test for allergic reactions before applying the dye to your hair. To test, put a dab of hair dye behind your ear and do not wash it off for two days. Look out for any signs of a reaction, such as itching, burning, or redness.
- Never dye your eyebrows or eyelashes. An allergic reaction to dye could cause swelling or increase risk of infection in the eye area. This can harm the eye and even cause blindness.

If the use of hair dye does cause a reaction, seek immediate medical help

I trust that you will encourage your children to follow these guidelines if they choose to dye their hair, and keep themselves safe.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A. Cottrill
Headteacher