



Trinity High School

& SIXTH FORM CENTRE

Part of Bordesley Multi Academy Trust

Safeguarding Team

5th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Gel Blaster Guns and Orbeez/"Orbie" Bullets – Safeguarding Information

We are writing to make you aware of growing concerns nationally and locally regarding gel blaster guns and the use of Orbeez (often referred to as "Orbie bullets") by young people. Gel blasters are toy guns designed to fire small water-absorbing gel pellets. While they are often marketed as toys and purchased online or through social media platforms, they can look very realistic and are capable of causing harm.

We would like to highlight the following safeguarding concerns:

Risk of Injury

Although the pellets are soft when hydrated, they are fired at speed and can cause injuries, particularly to the eyes, face and skin. There have been reported incidents of bruising, welts and eye damage. The risk increases when protective eyewear is not worn.

Legal and Police Involvement

Some gel blasters closely resemble real firearms. Carrying or using them in public spaces can cause alarm and may result in police intervention. Young people may not fully understand the seriousness of this and the potential legal consequences.

Antisocial Behaviour and Community Impact

There has been an increase in incidents where gel blasters have been used to target members of the public, vehicles or property. This can cause significant distress and could lead to criminal damage or assault allegations.

School Expectations

Gel blaster guns and Orbeez/gel pellets are strictly prohibited on the school site. Any student found in possession of these items will face serious sanctions in line with our Behaviour Policy, and parents will be contacted. Where appropriate, we may also involve the police.

We ask that you:

- Speak with your child about the risks associated with these items.
- Monitor online purchases and social media content which may promote their use.
- Ensure that these items are not brought into school or used irresponsibly in the community.

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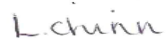
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Our priority is always the safety and wellbeing of all students and the wider community. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these important messages at home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Safeguarding Team via the school office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L. Chinn".

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