

VAPING AND SMOKING POLICY

This policy is applicable to Senior School Pupils only

This Policy is available on the College website, or upon request from the School Administration Office.

The School is committed to the health and safety of its pupils and will take action to safeguard their well-being. As a consequence of this, the School is strongly committed to educating its pupils about the health risks associated with vaping and smoking, and to a robust disciplinary response to those who are unable or unwilling to respond to the School's educative and pastoral programme. It acknowledges the importance of its pastoral role in the welfare of young people and through formal education and the School's general ethos, and will seek to provide the support pupils need to avoid the problems associated with smoking and vaping.

In this policy all references to vaping and smoking or vaping and smoking materials include vapes, e-cigarettes (nicotine and non-nicotine), vaping liquids, cigarettes, tobacco, nicotine pouches, lighters and all other vaping or smoking paraphernalia.

The school rules forbid vaping and smoking or the possession of vaping and smoking materials. Furthermore, the sale of vapes, tobacco, and tobacco related products to children under the age of 18 is illegal. Under no circumstances may pupils vape or smoke, or otherwise be in possession of vaping or tobacco products: (1) during school time; (2) on the way to or from School; (3) at any event taking place at School; and (4) during any trip, visit, etc organised by School.

The aims of the Vaping and Smoking policy

- To encourage a healthy lifestyle and in particular to discourage pupils from taking up vaping or smoking;
- To encourage pupils, who have already taken up vaping or smoking, to give up; they may seek support and advice from pastoral staff, the Medical Centre and School Doctor; they may speak to the Independent Listener.
- To ensure the safety of the school in terms of fire risk from any smokers;
- To maintain the good name of the school in the locality.

Educational framework:

- Pastoral work and discussion in houses and by tutors.
- Influence from the school's environment and teachers' attitudes and behaviour.
- PSHE lessons which aim to provide:
 - Accurate information about vaping and smoking - (i.e. the law, medical and psychological effects and the effects for the individual, the family and the society.)
 - The health risks associated with vapes and tobacco;
 - Skills to help pupils resist peer pressure and the desire to experiment;
 - Positive attitudes towards healthy living, which are sufficiently strong to influence pupils' behaviour;

Sanctions

- If a pupil is found to be vaping or smoking or in possession of vaping or smoking products, **in the College grounds or in any public place outside the College** when under the school's jurisdiction, they must expect to be suspended.
- For repeated or frequent offences pupils must expect to be expelled.

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Policy Review Schedule

REVISION HISTORY

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