

Smoking Education Policy

RATIONALE

Smoking is known to be a serious risk to health. It is a significant cause of disease and a premature death and it is important for this college to provide a healthy and safe environment for all employees, pupils and visitors.

AIMS

- We aim to make staff/pupils aware that smoking:
 - Can damage health both in long/short term
 - Has anti-social effects
 - Affects non-smokers
 - Pollutes the atmosphere
 - Is a potential fire hazard and a danger to other pupils
- Help pupils resist pressure from others to smoke
- Support staff/pupils to access smoking cessation advice

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Staff & Visitors

Smoking is not permitted on school grounds; this includes e-cigarettes.

Pupils

- Should not have cigarettes/e-cigarettes or matches in their possession on school buses, in school building or grounds. This applies equally to school outings or residential.
- Pupils are not allowed to smoke while wearing school uniform.

IMPLEMENTATION

Any pupil found to have cigarettes/e-cigarettes or matches in their possession is immediately reported to her Form Teacher and Year Head who will in turn inform the Senior Teacher or Vice Principal. Parents will be informed.

Parents of pupils constantly caught smoking are contacted and are requested to meet with the member of staff concerned to discuss the matter and ensure that pupils will refrain from breaking the school's discipline policy by smoking on school premises/ or school bus. Pupils who are smoking in school uniform in the school vicinity and who have been reported by a member of staff/or the public will receive a phone call home. Smoking education forms an integral part of our LLW, Science, Home Economics and R.E. programmes at KS3.

This policy was reviewed by the Leadership Team: February 2017

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