



SEXEY'S SCHOOL

Smoke Free Policy

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We believe that all children and young people should have the same protection regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity. We are committed to anti-discriminatory practice and recognise the additional needs of children from minority ethnic groups and disabled children and the barriers they may face, especially around communication.

Signed:

Helen Cullen
Headteacher

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For the purposes of this policy, smoking is taken to include the use of all tobacco/nicotine products, herbal substitutes, and vaping.

SCHOOL ETHOS AND VALUES

Our Christian values are at the heart of the ethos of the school and through these we grow individually and as a community. The Story of the Good Samaritan underpins our 7 core values of:

- Honesty
- Forgiveness
- Empathy
- Courage
- Resilience
- Kindness
- Respect

These core values underpin our policies, procedures and the way we treat one another in our community.

AIMS

The policy aims to:

- Promote and maintain a healthy environment for all who use the school
- Provide consistent messages and role models to students by showing the School's commitment to promoting the health of pupils and staff.
- Actively discourage young people from starting or continuing to smoke.
- Provide information and advice for those who wish to stop smoking.
- Inform pupils of the law relating to smoking.
- Ensure that all pupils understand the effects and potential dangers of smoking.
- Communicate to parents the School's stance on smoking.

The success of the policy depends upon the consistent implementation and monitoring by all.

CONTEXT

The policy supports the wider health education curriculum, National Healthy Schools and the government's Smoke Free England Policy and legislation. It is illegal to smoke in enclosed public spaces. It is illegal to sell tobacco products or vaping products (vapes, e-cigarettes, e-liquids etc.) to anyone under the age of 18.

The health risks associated with smoking are generally well known and understood by all in our society, including children in primary school.

Individuals have a responsibility for their own health and well-being to seek out information, guidance and support to ensure they are well informed about the risks associated with smoking.

POLICY STATEMENT

- Smoking is prohibited on the school site or in school premises at any time and applies to **all** persons who work on or visit the school site.
- The school prohibits smoking by pupils whilst under the care of the school (including boarding) and while they are travelling to or from school or are on school activities/trips away from school (including boarding activities/trips).
- Possession of smoking materials by students is prohibited. (This includes **all tobacco product, herbal substitute, and vaping material, related equipment and paraphernalia**).
- Staff, whilst on duty or representing the school in any capacity, may not smoke in the presence of students from Sexey's or any other educational establishment.

SUPPORT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

All students will be advised of the policy through assemblies and school notices.

- Support and information will be available and offered through the Health Centre to those wishing to stop smoking who request it.
- Signs will be displayed on the school site.
- Parents will be notified of the policy.
- Students will be educated about and have an opportunity to discuss the risks associated with smoking through PSRHE and the wider curriculum.
- A Smoke Free Guidance document will be available to staff to ensure a consistent approach is maintained.
- Job advertisements will include reference to the policy.
- Contact will be maintained with local retailers encouraging them to support our efforts to protect our students and discourage smoking.
- A ***Smoke-Free Guidance Document*** detailing legislation, support and disciplinary procedures can be found in Appendix 1

RELATED POLICIES

Behaviour, Rewards and Suspension

Health and Safety

Drugs

Curriculum

POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed 2 yearly.

Appendix 1

Smoke-Free Guidance Document.

Principles

The most important principle is the health and welfare of the individual. We should activity promote healthy lifestyle choices and provide education, support and guidance to facilitate this. Smoking is known to be very damaging to the health and life expectancy of the individual and we should do all we can to discourage young people from choosing to smoke/vape or use other tobacco-based products and potentially develop an addictive habit.

School Values Statement

As a school community we believe that smoking is harmful and detrimental to the well-being of the individual and the school community as a whole.

We all must work together to make the school a smoke free environment, whilst we seek to support individuals trying to stop smoking, we must also:

- Making it clear that smoking on the school site is not acceptable and will not be permitted.
- Actively discourage students from starting or continuing to smoke.
- Actively prevent smoking from continuing to take place.
- Actively discourage the notion or perception that smoking is 'cool', is a natural part of teenage developmental behaviour, is the result of boredom.
- Empower students not to start smoking through positive peer support.

Support Available

Smoking cessation sessions and support are available through the school's Health Centre, where smokers can access support, advice and aids to help them reduce and give up smoking. When a smoker makes a self referral to access this service it will be treated in complete confidence.

If a smoker is advised of this service as a result of being found smoking, parents will be advised in a letter that this service had been offered. On subsequent occasions, on being found smoking, the Health Centre staff will be asked to verify if a student has attended any smoking cessation session, as this will have a bearing on the action to be followed.

Additional support can be accessed through:

- **'Quitline'** the free national telephone helpline for smokers – **0800 00 22 00**.
- Or the following websites:

<http://www.healthnet.org.uk/quit/guide.htm>

<http://www.givingupsmoking.co.uk>

<http://www.lifesaver.co.uk>

<http://www.quitnet.org>

<http://www.quit.ogr.uk>

<http://www.quitnow.info.au>

<http://www.unhooked.org>

Legal Framework

- ❖ **The Children and Families Act 2014** prohibits the purchasing of tobacco by adults for children.
- ❖ **The Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco etc.) Order 2007** makes it illegal sell tobacco to persons under the age of 18
- ❖ **The Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006** makes it illegal to smoke in any enclosed public space.
- ❖ **Section 94** of the **Education and Inspections Act 2006** provides power for school staff to confiscate and dispose item belonging to a pupil or student as part of a disciplinary penalty.
- ❖ **Section 89(5)** of the **Education and Inspections Act 2006** provides power for Headteachers to take measures to regulate the conduct of pupils and students at a time when they are not on the premises of the school and are not under the lawful control or charge of a member of the staff of the school.

Implementation

This document provides guidance on how the school's Smoke Free Policy should be implemented on a day-to-day basis and should be read with reference to that policy, as it contains the aims and objectives set out by the school Governors.

Reference should also be made to the School's Behaviour, Rewards and Suspension Policy, which lists materials which are prohibited on the school, which include cigarettes, matches, vaping equipment and other associated equipment and therefore the possession of these may also need to be considered.

This section of the guidance applies only to students, regardless of age. Members of staff who fail to follow the Smoke Free Policy will be managed under the staff discipline procedures.

There are no 'informal' warnings. There is no way of knowing how many 'informal' warnings an individual has had. For fairness and consistency everyone must follow the school procedure.

Smoking offences include being found smoking or being found in possession of smoking materials.

Individuals found in the company of someone smoking should be disciplined for knowingly supporting another in breaking school rules in line with the Behaviour, Rewards and Suspension Policy.

Procedure for staff finding a student smoking

1. Inform the student of the action you will be taking and confiscate any prohibited items.

2. The member of staff discovering a smoker must report this either via Classcharts to the Form Tutor (during the school day) or by phone to the appropriate House Parent (HP) (during evenings and weekends).
3. The Tutor/HP must first check the school records to establish the number of times the individual has been found smoking. This should be recorded on Classcharts.
4. Having established the appropriate level the Tutor or HP must refer this to the Head or Year (HOY) or Director of Boarding (DOB) (evenings and weekends)
5. The HOY/DOB actioning the incident should:
 - a. see the individual(s) involved.
 - b. clarify any details they think necessary.
 - c. inform the individual(s) of action to be taken including support.
 - d. send the appropriate letter(s) to parents.
6. Once a letter has been generated the person actioning will update and where appropriate enter the information onto Classcharts.