



SEXEY'S  
SCHOOL

# Smoking and Vaping 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.

## **SEXEY'S SCHOOL SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY**

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

### **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/vape.
- Provide information and advice for those who wish to stop smoking/vaping.
- Inform pupils of the law relating to smoking/vaping.
- Ensure that all pupils understand the effects and potential dangers of smoking/vaping.
- Communicate to parents the school's stance on smoking/vaping.

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 government guidance 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.

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/vaping.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

- Smoking/vaping 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/vaping 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/vaping 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/vape in the presence of students from Sexey's or any other educational establishment.
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### **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/vaping 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/vaping through PSRHE and the wider curriculum.
- A Smoke/Vape 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/vaping.
- A **Smoke/vape-Free Guidance Document** detailing legislation, support and procedures can be found in Appendix 1
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### **RELATED POLICIES**

Behaviour, Rewards and Suspension

Health and Safety

Drugs

Curriculum

## **POLICY REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed 2 yearly.

## **Appendix 1**

### **Smoke/vape-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 and the government is working to bring in legislation to further protect young people from the effects of both smoking and vaping. 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/vaping is harmful and detrimental to the wellbeing of the individual and the school community.

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

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

#### **Support Available**

Guidance and support on how to stop smoking/vaping sessions are available through the school's Health Centre. When a student makes a self-referral to access this service it will be treated in confidence.

#### **Legal Framework**

This policy has due regard to legislation including but not limited to the following:

- ❖ **Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974**
- ❖ **Health Act 2006**

- ❖ **The Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006** makes it illegal to smoke in any enclosed public space.
- ❖ **The Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco etc.) Order 2007** makes it is illegal sell tobacco to persons under the age of 18
- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **The Children and Families Act 2014** prohibits the purchasing of tobacco by adults for children.
- ❖ **Nicotine Inhaling Products (Age of Sale and Proxy Purchasing) Regulations 2015**
- ❖ **Public Health England (2016) 'Use of e-cigarettes in public places and workplaces'**

## **Implementation**

This document provides guidance on how the school's Smoke/Vape Free Policy should be implemented on a day-to-day basis.

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/Vape Free Policy will be managed under the staff discipline procedures.

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

Individuals found in the company of someone smoking/vaping 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/vaping**

1. Inform the student of the action you will be taking and confiscate any prohibited items.
2. The member of staff discovering a smoker/vaper must report this on ClassCharts and inform the Head of Year and Senior Houseparents and Director of Boarding (boarders).

3. 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 (using the Behaviour, Rewards and Suspension Policy as guidance) including support.
  - d. Inform the parents.