Smoke Free and Vaping Policy

Introduction

We are committed to promoting heathy lifestyles - achieving physical and mental wellbeing. Our Smoke Free and Vaping Policy directly relates to the school drug and health and safety policies. This policy covers traditional smoking, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other tobacco products, and the use of electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes), vapes and other vaping devices, whether or not they contain nicotine. The same school restrictions apply to both smoking and vaping.

Aims of the Policy

The policy seeks to:

- to comply with Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law;
- to protect the students, staff and members of the community from exposure to second hand smoke and e-cigarette aerosol;
- raise awareness of the risks associated with smoking and vaping and promote the benefit of a smoke free and vape free lifestyle to our students;
- take account of the needs of those who smoke or vape and to support those who wish to stop.

Restrictions on Smoking and Vaping

Smoking and vaping are not permitted in any part of the premises, entrances or grounds at any time, by any person regardless of their status or business with the school. This includes staff, students, parents, carers, visitors, contractors and those hiring the premises. The prohibition on vaping applies to all e-cigarettes and vaping devices, including nicotine-free products.

Because of our commitment to the wellbeing of children and the wider health of the community, this Smoke Free and Vaping Policy extends to the use of our building and grounds outside school hours. This will be agreed beforehand with those who hire our premises.

Visitors

All visitors, contractors and deliverers are required to abide by the Smoke Free and Vaping Policy. Staff members are expected to remind parents and visitors that neither smoking nor vaping is permitted; however, they are not expected to enter any confrontation which may put their personal safety at risk.

Vehicles

Smoking and vaping are not permitted in vehicles being used on school business, including taxis and school buses.

Support for Those Who Smoke or Vape

Those who wish to stop smoking or vaping are encouraged to seek advice from their GP, pharmacist or an appropriate stop smoking service. Using an e-cigarette to help stop smoking does not exempt anyone from the school's restrictions on vaping.

There is a free Stop Smoking Service.

CAMQUIT

Tel: 0800 018 4304

Email: **CAPCCG.CAMQUIT@nhs.net**

Website: **http://www.camquit.nhs.uk/**

Referral form: **http://www.camquit.nhs.uk/referral-form/**

Disciplinary Action
Staff who disregard the policy will be disciplined according to usual disciplinary procedures.

We will follow our Behaviour Policy and Safeguarding procedures when responding to students who disregard the Smoke Free and Vaping Policy, whether through smoking or using e-cigarettes or other vaping devices.

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