



ANTI-SMOKING POLICY

Aim

The aim of this Policy is to state how the School actively addresses the issue of smoking by pupils/students, and to describe the sanctions that may be imposed on those caught breaking the rules.

Introduction

Langley strives to provide a healthy, safe environment for pupils, students, staff and visitors alike. Following the provisions of the Health Act 2006 the school declares itself to be a non-smoking establishment (save for designated smoking areas for adult employees and visitors on specified occasions). The school regards the use of e-cigarettes and equipment used for 'vaping' in the same light as all other means of smoking.

Tackling smoking

Pupils and students are actively discouraged from smoking through:

- effective education;
- effective and clear sanctions;
- effective policing.

Effective education

The short and longer-term effects of smoking are explored as part of the PSHE programme, and all pupils/students are encouraged to involve themselves in promoting an anti-smoking culture.

The Medical Centre holds information about strategies to aid giving up the practice, for those who are regular smokers. Pupils/students are encouraged to discuss worries about smoking with pastoral staff, Medical staff and appropriate support staff without fearing sanctions so that they may receive support in the cessation of or abandonment of any habit. As part of this support, a health action plan approved by the school Medical Team will be put in place. It may be appropriate for a pupil/student to discreetly wear a nicotine 'patch'.

Effective and clear sanctions

As outlined in our Drug and Substance Abuse Policy, if a pupil volunteers that they are a regular smoker, then they will be supported by the Medical staff to quit the practice, without sanctions being imposed.

Sanctions will be issued for:

- smoking on the school site;
- being in possession of smoking materials and paraphernalia;
- being caught in the company of smokers;
- smelling of cigarette smoke which indicates involvement with smoking;

If a pupil/student is caught in possession of loose tobacco, filter tips, cigarette papers etc, they may be asked to take a drugs test given the use of these materials for smoking cannabis. (The school's Drug and Substance Abuse policy will also be referred to in this instance).

All sanctions will be issued as per the school's behaviour policy. In addition, on the first occasion of involvement in a smoking-related incident, any materials will be confiscated and destroyed, the pupil/student will be referred to the school Nurse for anti-smoking education and guidance. This sanction will include an interview with the Deputy Headmaster and a School Detention. Parents/guardians will be informed of the sanction.

If any pupil/student is involved for a second time, then, in addition to the above measures, it is likely that the pupil/student will be suspended from school for a period of two days.

Further involvement, or in the case of a student being caught smoking indoors, will require the student to be interviewed by the Headmaster to include a review of the pupil's/student's position in the school, due to the fact that they are endangering others.

The school reserves the right to act more severely if any incident warrants such a response, and repeat offenders may also find their position in the school in jeopardy. This will be decided on a case by case basis.

Effective policing

Effective policing is intended to make it difficult for pupils/students to smoke. Known smoking areas will be closely monitored on a regular basis by staff and prefects during the day and in the evenings.