

Anti-Smoking Policy

Rationale

Smoking is a major cause of illness and early death, and affects non-smokers through passive smoking. The laws prohibiting smoking made under The Health Act 2006 require that enclosed or substantially enclosed public places and workplaces are smoke-free. In addition, since October 2007 it has been illegal to sell tobacco products to anyone under the age of 18. Accordingly the academy recognises its duty to discourage smoking and to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Aims

1. To apply the law prohibiting smoking made under The Health Act 2006 by providing a no-smoking environment.
2. To make pupils aware of the health risks involved in smoking. To encourage pupils to cope with pressures on them to take up smoking. To enable pupils to make informed, responsible choices.
3. To support the national targets for reducing the proportion of smokers in all age groups.

Implementation

1. In line with National legislation the academy and all of its grounds are no-smoking areas.

2. Smoking is not permitted on school transport or in any other vehicle while being used for work purposes which is shared by other staff or pupils.

3. Smoking or the possession of smoking materials by pupils in school or while in school uniform is considered a serious offence.

A student in Years 7 to 11 caught smoking will face a fixed-term exclusion of one school day with five hours of work to be completed at home.

A Sixth Former will be given a formal warning which will be logged. A second offence will lead to exclusion.

Students will be offered a smoking cessation session as part of reintegration.

4. The National Curriculum Science programme teaches pupils about the harmful effects of tobacco and its effects on bodily functions, particularly breathing.

5. The PSHE programme provides pupils with the facts and skills to cope with pressures on them to take up smoking.

7. An A5 size sign is posted prominently at each entrance to the school and is maintained in good condition. The sign displays the prohibition of smoking symbol

and contains the words “No smoking – It is against the law to smoke in these premises”.

Monitoring

The Vice Principal for Student Achievement and Support plus the three directors of Student Progress are responsible for monitoring the effectiveness of this policy and reporting to the Principal and Governors.

Adopted by Governors at Education committee on 22.01.15.

To be reviewed in 12 months.

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