



SMOKING, VAPING and NICOTINE POLICY (including snus)

The School strongly discourages the use of tobacco or nicotine based products as they are highly addictive, are seen by many as antisocial, and can kill. As part of the PSHCE curriculum pupils are made aware of the harmful effects of smoking and vaping, and the damage that can be caused.

Smoking, vaping and the use of other products such as snus pouches (whether they contain tobacco/nicotine or not) are therefore forbidden at any time when pupils, irrespective of their ages, are subject to School discipline, such as while they are travelling to and from School, when they are in School uniform, when they are on School premises, or when they are taking part in official School activities or trips. The School - buildings and grounds - is a designated no smoking area which applies equally to adults.

Being in the possession of paraphernalia associated with smoking, vaping or snus will be treated the same as being caught smoking or vaping or using snus pouches. Possession includes having the paraphernalia stored somewhere associated with the pupil, for example, but not exclusively, in a bag, a locker, or in the boarding house.

Pupils caught smoking or vaping or using snus pouches, or who have clearly been using any of these products, or found in possession any related paraphernalia will be required to do all of the following:

- serve a Head's detention
- attend a session organised by the Health Centre on the medical consequences of smoking

For a second offence they serve a Head's detention, are seen by the Head, and receive a warning.

For a third offence within a calendar year the offender will be referred to the Head and sanctions, including the possibility of temporary exclusion, will be imposed at the Head's discretion.

Any pupils caught smoking or vaping inside school buildings can expect to be suspended as a result of the increased fire risk.

The rules above apply to the use of all or any cigarette, for example menthol cigarettes, to all e-cigarettes, vape pens, or other devices to enable the use of e-liquids and to pouches commonly called 'snus'. This policy also covers the use of products such as those mentioned that do not contain any nicotine (for instance vape e-liquids or snus may not contain any nicotine but remain subject to this policy).

Deputy Head (Pastoral)

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