

# **Anti-Smoking Policy**

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**Ellesmere College**



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## **1. Policy Statement**

- 1.1 Ellesmere is committed to promoting the health and well-being of the school community. The College strongly discourages smoking products as they are highly addictive, are seen by many to be anti-social and have long term health risks. Peers, the media, schools and the family all play an important role in shaping a child's view on smoking.

## **2. Scope**

- 2.1 This policy has been authorised by the Head and is available to parents and pupils on request. The policy relates to possession and use of all smoking paraphernalia which includes, but is not restricted to, cigarettes, tobacco, cigars, cigarette papers, e-cigarettes, pipes, personal vaporisers (PV) and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) and applies to all pupils at Ellesmere College irrespective of their age. The policy may also apply at times when a pupil is not in the care of the College. The procedures and sanctions may be adapted as appropriate to meet the policy aims and the circumstances of each case.
- 2.2 Any breach of this policy will be deemed to constitute gross misconduct.

## **3. Policy Aims**

- 3.1 In line with the government we want to reduce smoking and the harm it causes.
- 3.2 To obey the law with regards to young people and smoking.
- 3.3 To educate young people on the health risks associated with smoking products.
- 3.4 To outline the possible consequences of abusing the schools rules on smoking.

## **4. Education**

- 4.1 Smoking Education will be taught during Science lessons, general studies, PSHE, tutor periods and other relevant lessons in a manner appropriate to the pupil's level of understanding:
- 4.1.1 To enable pupils to make healthy, informed decisions by increasing knowledge, understanding, challenging attitudes and developing communication and social skills.
- 4.1.2 To provide accurate and age appropriate information about smoking, associated with health risks and the law.

## **5. Smoking and the Law**

- 5.1 "The Children and Young Persons (Sale of Tobacco) Order 2007" makes it an offence for a person to sell a person under the age of 18 any tobacco (including cigarettes) or cigarette papers. The 'Children and Families Act 2014' make it an offence to purchase tobacco, etc on behalf of persons under 18 (Section 91). Section 92 of the same Act prohibits the sale of nicotine products to persons under

18, which include delivery systems, even if intended for another substance.

5.2 It is illegal to smoke in the workplace in England, Health Act 2006. The ban applies to all workplaces and public places, public transport, work vehicles, restaurants, pubs, bars, cafes, shopping centres and offices.

5.3 Definitions of Smoking Paraphernalia:

- Smoking refers to the inhalation and exhalation of fumes from burning tobacco in cigars, cigarettes and pipes.
- E-cigarettes, personal vaporizers (PVs), and electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) are battery operated devices that mimic tobacco smoking and are often used as a replacement for cigarettes. They produce a vapour, including flavoured aromas either with or without nicotine, rather than traditional smoke.

## **6. School Rules**

6.1 No pupil of any age is allowed to bring smoking paraphernalia into school, irrespective of the intention to use. Pupils must not bring the school into disrepute for any reason associated with smoking, whether or not the pupil is in the care of the school at the time.

6.2 Consequences of breaking the rules

6.2.1 Each case will vary according to circumstances and all pupils should be aware that possession or use of smoking paraphernalia could lead to expulsion from the College. The table on page 6 (Appendix 1) gives a guide to the sanctions that will normally apply. Generally the upper limits will apply.

## **7 Searches for Smoking Paraphernalia**

7.1 Searches: This is in line with the College's Behaviour and Discipline Policy on searching and confiscation (Appendix 3) and reiterated below:

7.1.1 Before any search is undertaken the pupil will usually be asked to consent. In seeking consent, the age and maturity of the pupil will be taken into account together with any special needs the pupil may have. Written consent will not usually be required.

7.1.2 Where the Head or an authorised member of staff have reasonable grounds to suspect that a pupil may have a prohibited item, consent is not required and the search will be carried out, using reasonable force where appropriate.

7.1.3 Searches will be carried out only on College premises or, if elsewhere, where the member of staff has lawful control or charge of the pupil, for example on a trip or in training settings.

7.1.4 Smoking paraphernalia which has been confiscated will be destroyed.

## **8 Smoking Cessation Support**

- 8.1 Through the Medical Centre the College has access to the 'smoking cessation' programme operated by Churchmere Medical Practice. It is College policy to offer entry to this programme to pupils who require it. Under normal circumstances the programme can be arranged to cause only minimal, if any, interference with a pupil's academic timetable.

## **9 Monitoring and Review**

- 9.1 This policy will be reviewed every 3 years or following the issue of any new guidance from the Department of Education or ISI.
- 9.2 The review will be carried out by the Deputy Head Pastoral and recommendation sent to the Head for authorisation.

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| <b>Authorised by</b> | Headmaster           |
| <b>Reviewed by</b>   | Deputy Head Pastoral |
| <b>Date</b>          | Sept 2022            |

  

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| <b>Effective date of the policy</b> | Sept 2022 |
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**APPENDIX 1**

|    | <b>Offence:</b>  | <b>Sanction:</b>   |
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| 1. | <p>a) Smoking outdoors or in possession of smoking paraphernalia for the <u>first time</u>.</p> <p>b) Pupils behind the Sports Hall, Squash Courts, Old Gym, Old San, Arts Centre, are deemed to have been caught smoking.</p>   | <p>School detention &amp; Gating Card.</p> <p>Parents informed.</p> <p>Liberty restricted to within Building Line until further notice.</p>                        |
| 2. | <p>a) Smoking outdoors or in possession of smoking paraphernalia for the <u>second time</u>.</p> <p>b) Smoking outdoors or in possession of smoking paraphernalia for the <u>first time</u> but in the company of pupils from a lower year.</p>  | <p>HM detention &amp; Gating Card.</p> <p>Letter to parents from HM &amp; seen by DHP.</p> <p>Liberty restricted to within Building Line until further notice.</p> |
| 3. | <p>a) Smoking outdoors or in possession of smoking paraphernalia for the <u>third time</u>.</p> <p>b) Use of smoking paraphernalia within a building.</p> <p>c) Use of smoking paraphernalia in a 'public place'.</p> <p>d) Smoking outdoors or in possession of smoking paraphernalia for the <u>second time</u> in the company of pupils from a lower year.</p> <p>e) Smoking outdoors or in possession of smoking paraphernalia anywhere after return from a <u>first</u> suspension.</p> | <p>Suspension (3-5 days) at HM's discretion.</p> <p>Year 11 and Sixth Form pupils in Summer Term, deferred until after last exam.</p>                              |
| 4. | <p>a) Any further smoking related offences in the company of pupils from a lower year.</p> <p>b) Repeated use of smoking paraphernalia within a building.</p> <p>c) Smoking outdoors or in possession of smoking paraphernalia for the <u>fourth time</u> or more.</p>   | <p>Suspension (up to 5 days) at HM's discretion.</p>   |
| 5. | <p>Repeated suspension will lead to the pupil being asked to leave the College.</p>  |  |

In all cases, smoking cessation support will be offered (see 8.1).