



THE LATYMER SCHOOL

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NO SMOKING OR VAPING POLICY

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POLICY CONSULTATION AND REVIEW

1. PRINCIPLES

National Context:

- a Compliance with anti-smoking legislation and that from 1st July 2007, all workplaces in England must be smoke-free, rendering it a criminal offence to smoke on the school premises.
- b Smoking on school premises is forbidden under the circumstances.

The Health Act 2006

The Health Act 2006 was established “to make provision in relation to the prevention and control of health care associated infections”.

Premises must be smoke-free if they are open to the public and/or are used as a place of work. The school premises will include all buildings, the sports fields, **the school grounds**, and the area immediately around the school buildings.

Smoking and Vaping

“Smoking” refers to smoking tobacco, or anything which contains tobacco, or smoking any other substance. This policy includes vaping and/or the use of e-cigarettes (nicotine and non-nicotine).

Smoking and vaping paraphernalia are prohibited items at The Latymer School and should not be brought onto the premises or taken on any trips or outings that take place as part of School life.

2. SCHOOL CONTEXT

The Latymer School is committed to:

- Providing the highest quality of education and social development for students to ensure their emotional and physical wellbeing.
- Educating all students of the dangers of smoking to health and that smoking is known to be the principle avoidable cause of premature deaths in the UK.
- Providing a healthy, clean and safe working environment for all employees, students, parents, contractors and visitors.

3. Aims

- To enable all students and staff to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge and challenging attitudes towards smoking.
- Provide students with positive non-smoking role models.
- To provide a programme of education and accurate information about the health risks

associated with smoking through the school's Personal Social Health Education Programme.

- To enable young people and staff to identify sources of appropriate personal support to help with the cessation of smoking and these support mechanisms are open to them when they are needed.
- To monitor, as far as possible, student and staff involvement in smoking, in order to inform school programmes for prevention.
- To have clear procedures for dealing with anyone found smoking materials, to ensure that such procedures are consistent and clearly understood.
- Ensure a healthy environment for all who visit our site.
- To ensure that students, staff, parents, contractors and any other visitors are informed about the school's guidelines and procedures relating to smoking.

4. PRACTICE

- The Latymer School will seek to build an effective partnership between the school, parents and students and will inform parents about the noncompliance of their children with this policy.
- The school will acknowledge and support the efforts of its students and staff to improve their health through the cessation of smoking and will promote non-smoking through curriculum materials, assemblies and appropriate displays.
- The Latymer School includes E-cigarettes and any and all chemical substitutes within its definition of smoking.

The school seeks to create the conditions in which students and staff take responsibility for their own health and behaviour.

Pupils:

- Smoking, **vaping and/or the use of e-cigarettes (nicotine and non-nicotine)** are strictly not permitted.
- Pupils may not smoke, **vape or use e-cigarettes** around or on the way to or from school or on school trips.
- **Smoking and vaping paraphernalia are prohibited items at The Latymer School and should not be brought onto the premises or taken on any trips or outings that take place as part of School life.**
- The suggested sanction for pupils who smoke on the premises or on a school trip range from Internal Exclusion to Fixed term Exclusion (please see the School Behaviour Policy)

Staff:

- Sixth formers may be leaving and entering the premises at any time in the school day. We therefore ask that staff wishing to continue to smoke during the working day not only do not do so within the school grounds, but also avoid using areas where they would be within sight of students, in particular near the school gates and Haselbury Road shops.

5. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT CURRICULUM (PSHE):

Smoking and the effects of smoking are addressed in Year Assemblies and through the Personal Development Curriculum.

Year 8 PDC Sessions:**Healthy living**

- Health and Hygiene
- Smoking and Vaping
- Healthy Choices

Year 9 PDC Assembly:

- Illegal drugs and the Law

These issues are also addressed throughout form time activities across the year groups to ensure students know the risks associated with both vaping and smoking. The aim is to help them make informed decisions.

6. SANCTIONS**Pupils:**

The following sanctions / practice will be followed where it is clear that a student has been:

- Smoking (including the use of electronic smoking devices), seen with a lit cigarette in their possession
- Found to have cigarettes and/or other smoking/vaping materials openly in their possession
- Or are associating themselves with others who have been caught in the act of smoking

Sanctions:

- The suggested sanction for pupils who smoke on the premises or on a school trip range from Internal Exclusion to Fixed term Exclusion (please see the School Behaviour Policy)
- A report of the incident will be completed by the Head of Learning and recorded on the student's record.
- Parents/carers of the student concerned will be notified either by letter or by telephone

by the Head of Learning

- The Head of Learning and the Welfare Officer will arrange to give the student concerned guidance and support in giving up smoking. This might include collaboration with external agencies where suitable.

Staff:

- Disciplinary procedures will be followed if a member of staff does not comply with this policy. Staff may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.
- Visitors who do not comply with these guidelines will be asked to leave the premises. Refusal to comply with this request may result in the Police or Local Enforcement Officer being informed when they would be subjected to prosecution by the Local Authority.
- The penalties and fines for the smoke-free offences set out in Health Act 2006 are: a fixed penalty notice of £50 (discounted to £30 if paid within 15 days from the issue of a notice) or a fine by a court not exceeding level 1 on the standard scale (up to £200). These fines may be subject to change.

7. EXTERNAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE

NHS:

<http://www.nhs.uk/livewell/smoking/Pages/stopsmokingnewhome.aspx>

www.gosmokefree.co.uk

NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 169 0169

Local Pharmacies:

Lloyd Pharmacies <http://www.lloydspharmacy.com/en/info/stop-smoking-services>

Substance Misuse Services:

COMPASS: <http://www.compass-uk.org/>