



Cambridge House Grammar School

Smoking Policy

Signed:

Principal

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Chair of Governors

Date:

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“Smoking” refers to smoking tobacco or anything which contains tobacco, or smoking any other substance. For the purposes of this policy smoking also refers to the use of electronic or e-cigarettes or vapes. The School currently regards the use of e-cigarettes and equipment used for ‘vaping’ in the same light as all other means of smoking.

School premises are designated as a smoke-free zone, being a place of work. The school premises will include all buildings, sports fields and areas within the boundaries of Cambridge House grammar School. Smoking /vaping is also prohibited on vehicles hired by the school or in any vehicle on the school premises.

1. Principles

- 1.1 Cambridge House Grammar School is committed to providing the highest quality of education and social development for pupils to ensure their emotional and physical well being.
- 1.2 School will make all employees, pupils, parents, contractors and other visitors aware of the dangers of the associated health risk of smoking and vaping
- 1.3 Cambridge House aims to provide a healthy, clean and safe working environment for all employees, pupils, parents, contractors and other visitors.
- 1.4 The measures contained within this policy can include measures to regulate and control the behaviour of staff or pupils when they are not being educated within school, e.g. when attending college placements, on work experience, school visits, or on any other occasion when pupils are not on the school premises but are in the charge of the school.

2. Aims

- 2.1 To enable all pupils and staff to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge and challenging attitudes towards smoking.
- 2.2 To provide a programme of education and accurate information about the health risks associated with smoking.
- 2.3 To have clear procedures for dealing with anyone found smoking on the premises or in the case of pupils found to be in possession of smoking materials, to ensure that such procedures are consistent and clearly understood.
- 2.4 To ensure that pupils, staff, parents, contractors and any other visitors are informed about the school's policy and procedures relating to smoking.
- 2.5 To ensure that sanctions /penalties for smoking on the school site are consistently and fairly applied.

3. Practice

- 3.1 The school seeks to create the conditions in which pupils and staff take responsibility for their own health and behaviour. For this to take place, staff, pupils and parents should work to an agreed set of standards which clearly identifies the consequences of a failure to work towards them. This Smoking Policy will, therefore, clearly define the penalties for noncompliance and so create the correct, healthy and clean conditions within school in which everyone can work.

3.2 Protocol for non-compliance by staff

3.21 Disciplinary procedures may be followed if a member of staff does not comply with this policy.

3.3 Protocol for non-compliance by visitors

3.31 Visitors who do not comply with this policy will be asked to leave the premises.

3.4 Protocol for non-compliance by pupils

3.41 Pupils will be punished for smoking/ vaping if:

- They are seen smoking /vaping on school premises or while on school related business
- They are seen smoking /vaping on the way to or home from school while in school uniform
- They are seen with a lit cigarette /e-cigarette in their possession.
- They are found to have cigarettes/ e-cigarettes and/or other smoking materials in their possession.

4. Sanctions

4.1 If pupils are found to be smoking /vaping they will receive a sanction as soon as practicable from the time of transgression. A report of the incident will be completed by the relevant member of staff and recorded on SIMS.

4.2 Sanctions will be applied in line with the school's Behaviour for Learning Policy and may included suspension from school.