

# **ST. DAVID'S HIGH SCHOOL**

## **Anti-Smoking Policy**

**Reviewed by Governors  
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## **1 Aims**

St. David's High School regards itself as a health-promoting organisation and as such seeks to:

- Protect the staff, children and young people and visitors from the effects of tobacco smoke.
- Provide a healthy environment for employees and students.
- Acknowledge the educational role of the organisation in discouraging children and young people from starting to smoke.
- Help smokers to quit.
- Provide a positive role model in relation to smoking, which is consistent with the taught curriculum.

## **2 Introduction**

- St. David's High School has, in accordance with county policy, been designated a non-smoking site. This policy identifies how the School will continue to maintain a smoke free environment within the school premises for the benefit of students, staff, visitors, parents and carers, as well as members of the public,
- St. David's High School will continue to encourage and support students not to smoke through PSHCE and events such as National 'No Smoking Day'

## **3 Policy Strategy**

The school is designated a no-smoking site and everyone involved with the school community is expected to adhere to the Anti-Smoking Policy. Those groups are:

- Employees.
- Student Teachers.
- Students.
- Voluntary Helpers.
- Governors.
- Visitors.
- Contractors working on site.
- Individuals using the leisure facilities
- Individuals attending an outside letting.
- Individuals attending a social event.

In accordance with the School's Anti-smoking Policy, the following will apply:

### **Students**

- Students are not allowed to smoke at school or whilst engaged in any off-site activity. This will include the Youth Club (Years 10 and 11 are allowed to visit Saltney Youth Club at lunchtime).
- Students should not smoke whilst travelling to or from school. This will involve liaison with local bus companies.

### **Staff**

- Staff are recognised 'role models' and as such, are required not to smoke in sight of students. This will include visits; school excursions etc. and include both teaching and non-teaching staff.
- This spirit of this policy will also apply to employees whilst exercising direct responsibility for students on off-site activities, eg in the school mini-bus, school fixtures etc.

## **Visitors**

- The Anti-smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school, including suppliers, supply or temporary staff and contractors.

## **Parents and Carers**

- It will be made clear that parents and carers should adhere to the Anti-smoking policy and refrain from smoking on the school grounds.

## **Events**

- The school's Anti-smoking policy applies to all social events.
- Where events are booked by outside agencies, all parties are to be made aware of the school's Anti-smoking policy.

## **4 Students who are found smoking on school grounds**

- A letter will be sent home to parents/carers by the Learning Manager or member of SLT to inform them that their child has been caught smoking on the school premises on a school excursion or on the way to or from school. The letter will explain the circumstances and the school's view of smoking.
- If a student is caught again during the same term, then the student will receive one day fixed exclusion from school.

## **5 Implementation and Enforcement of the Policy**

- Complete prohibition on smoking in all parts of the school premises will be applied in accordance with county policy.
- Members of the senior leadership team will be responsible for the promotion and maintenance of a smoke free environment.

## **6 Communicating the Policy**

- Parents are to be made aware of any changes to the school's Anti-smoking policy through newsletters and other normal means of communication.
- New staff will be informed of the Anti-smoking policy at recruitment.
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.
- Information will be included in the school prospectus and on the website to inform prospective students, parents and carers of the Anti-smoking policy.

## **7 Additional Information**

Smoke alarms have been installed in all toilets to deliver a message to occupants if smoke is detected. In addition, teachers and staff monitor the toilets and outside areas of the school in accordance with an agreed rota.

## **8 e-cigarettes**

Based on current evidence available, Public Health Wales advises the following:

- School policy clearly prohibits the use of e-cigarettes.
- Students will be educated about e-cigarettes within the school curriculum alongside other drug education.
- Students and staff who wish to quit smoking will be directed to stop smoking services.
- Students, staff and visitors will be made aware of the changes to school policy regarding the use of e-cigarettes on site.