



## SMOKING & VAPING POLICY



Guide



Inspire



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## Rationale

St Bede's has a duty to protect students from known hazards and to safeguard their physical and emotional well-being. We understand the health risks associated with smoking and vaping are serious and detrimental to both those who smoke, and those in close proximity. Therefore, smoking and vaping is prohibited anywhere on the school grounds or the immediate surroundings. This policy covers both nicotine and other substances which can be smoked or vaped.

## Aims

To create a smoke-free environment for the school community, including students, staff, visitors, parents and carers

## Legal Framework

This policy has due regard to legislation and guidance, but not limited to the following:

- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- Health Act 2006
- Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991
- Nicotine Inhaling Products (Age of Sale and Proxy Purchasing) Regulations 2015
- Public Health England (2016) 'Use of e-cigarettes in public places and workplaces'

## Policy Application

*This policy applies to:*

- All students
- All staff members
- Visitors, volunteers, and contractors
- Anyone present on school premises or participating in school activities
  
- The principles apply whether or not 'no smoking signs' are displayed.

*Scope - This policy applies:*

- On school grounds
- In school buildings
- On school buses or transportation
- During school trips, events, and extracurricular activities
- Within sight of school entrances or boundaries

## Expectations for Students

Students must:



- Not smoke or vape on school property or during school activities
- Not bring tobacco or vaping products onto school premises
- Not distribute or sell tobacco or vaping products to others
- Follow all school rules relating to health and safety

Students are encouraged to support a healthy school environment by reporting concerns to staff.

### **Expectations for Staff**

Staff must:

- Model healthy behaviour and comply with this policy at all times
- Not smoke or vape on school grounds or during school supervision duties
- Address violations in accordance with school disciplinary procedures
- Support educational and preventative initiatives

### **Education and Prevention**

The school will provide education about the risks of smoking and vaping through:

- PSHE curriculum
- Assemblies and workshops
- Awareness campaigns
- Access to support for students who want to quit nicotine use

### **Disciplinary Sanctions**

- Young people will be classed as smoking or vaping if:
  - They are seen smoking or vaping
  - They are seen with a cigarette or e-cigarette in their hand
  - They have cigarettes, e-cigarettes or other smoking/vaping material in their possession
  - They are in the company of others who are smoking/vaping
- Sanctions will be imposed in accordance with the 'Smoking and Behaviour Stages' - see below
- Year Teams will notify parents/carers
- Any smoking/vaping paraphernalia will be confiscated. A parent/carer can make arrangements to collect if they wish to do so.
- Health and support will be offered to students including referrals to the school nurse or an external agency



### Smoking and Vaping Stages:

<b>Stage 1</b>	Confiscation and parent/carer contact 1-hour Reflection	Minus 1 bed points
<b>Stage 2</b>	As above plus Detention room (break/lunch) - 2 days	Minus 2 bed points
<b>Stage 3</b>	As above plus Detention room (break/lunch) & letter - 5 days	Minus 3 bed points
<b>Stage 4</b>	Parent meeting plus 1-day Reflection	Minus 5 bed points
<b>Stage 5</b>	Parent meeting plus 1-day internal suspension	Minus 5 bed points
<b>Stage 6+</b>	External suspension	Minus 5 bed points

*The 1-hour reflection time will take place immediately. E.g. If incident happens at break, they will spend P3 in the Reflection Room.*

### Support for Students

The school recognises that nicotine addiction can occur. Students who are struggling with nicotine use will be offered support through:

- School counselling services
- School Nurse referral
- Health education programs
- Referral to appropriate cessation resources

### 7. Related Policies

- Child protection policy
- Behaviour policy

