



St Bede's
Roman Catholic High School

SMOKING & VAPING POLICY

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

- The principles apply to all students
- The principles apply whether or not 'no smoking signs' are displayed.
- All areas of the school premises, including outdoor areas, are designated 'smoke-free' environments and, as such, all individuals are prohibited from smoking or vaping anywhere on the premises

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:

Stage 1	Confiscation and parent/carer contact 1-hour Reflection	Minus 25 bede points
Stage 2	As above plus Detention room (break/lunch) - 2 days	Minus 35 bede points
Stage 3	As above plus Detention room (break/lunch) & letter - 5 days	Minus 45 bede points
Stage 4	Parent meeting plus 1-day Reflection	Minus 55 bede points
Stage 5	Parent meeting plus 1-day internal suspension	Minus 75 bede points
Stage 6+	External suspension	Minus 95 bede 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.

Educational Support and Guidance

- St Bede's will make appropriate referrals to external agencies/school nurse for those seeking support to stop smoking/vaping
- Through PSHE, the school will educate students about the effects of smoking/vaping