



Anti-Smoking Policy

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Endorsed by	Head Master
Responsibility	Head Master
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In line with the Smoke-free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006, Bedford School adopts a clear anti-smoking policy for its pupils, with no smoking allowed at any point during a pupil's school

career. This applies not only on the school estate but also when off the estate in school uniform and on all school related activities or trips. The School adopts this policy for reasons of health, education and safety.

The School considers vaping to be a form of smoking. In October 2015 it became illegal to sell e-cigarettes (such as vape pens) and vaping liquid to people under the age of 18 due to the health risks. Pupils using, buying or possessing vaping equipment will be dealt with according to this policy.

The School supports its stance not only with the sanctions that are described below but also with support from the school Medical Centre and regular education as part of its Citizenship (PSHE) Programme. If a pupils is caught smoking, he will receive a sanction from his Tutor and/or Housemaster, and parents will be informed. The pupil will be encouraged to visit the Medical Centre for advice.

If a boy is caught smoking repeatedly, he is in persistent breach of school policy. At that point, it is clearly the case that the disciplinary framework of the school is being challenged and, as such, the issue becomes not only that of smoking but also of the willingness to abide by that framework. Any further breach of the policy will thus be referred to the Vice Master and it is possible that exclusion might result.

Whilst the personal health of each pupil is the paramount reason for this policy, it should also be noted that the Health and Safety issues surrounding smoking are taken seriously by the school and that therefore any boy found smoking within school buildings will be treated with significantly greater severity as a result.