



# Bradfield School

## Non-smoking policy and procedures

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## 1. Key Principles

- i. The governing body and staff of the school have a duty to safeguard students and staff from the effects of smoking and using e-cigarettes on their own health, from the secondary effects on others and from the risk of fire associated with lighting and disposing of cigarettes and carrying combustible material for this purpose. This policy covers the school site, areas around the school site supervised by staff before the start of the school day, at break time, at lunchtime and at the end of the school day, school buses and any time when students are on school trips under the supervision of school staff or any other official school business.
- ii. The key principles underpinning this policy are that:
  - the school will neither accept nor tolerate smoking of any sort by students;
  - the school will neither accept nor tolerate the possession of smoking-related items by students;
  - the school will communicate clearly these expectations to students and parents;
  - the school intends to project a clean and healthy image for our premises and our pupils;
  - the school believes that the less smoking or vaping appears as a normal behaviour to pupils, the less likely they are to start to smoke.
  - the school will support students and their parents who are attempting to stop smoking or to resist the temptation to start smoking.
- iii. Bradfield School is committed to:
  - providing the highest quality of education and social development for pupils to ensure their emotional and physical well-being;
  - educating all employees, students, parents, contractors and other visitors of the dangers of smoking to health and that smoking is known to be the principal avoidable cause of premature deaths in the UK;
  - the compliance with anti-smoking legislation, namely Smoke -free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006 and that from the 1st July 2007 all workplaces in England must be smoke free, rendering it a criminal offence to smoke on the school premises;
  - providing a healthy, clean and safe working environment for all employees, students, parents, contractors and other visitors.

## 2. The Health Act 2006

- i. The Health Act 2006 was established 'to make provision for the prohibition of smoking in premises, places and vehicles; for amending the minimum age of persons to whom tobacco may be sold and to make provision in relation to the prevention and control of health care associated infections'.
- ii. "Smoking" refers to smoking tobacco or anything which contains tobacco or smoking any other substance. Smoking includes being in possession of lit tobacco or of

anything lit which contains tobacco or being in possession of any other lit substance in a form in which it could be smoked. For the purposes of this policy smoking also refers to the smoking or 'vaping' of electronic cigarettes.

- iii. Premises will be smoke-free if they are open to the public and/or are used as a place of work. The school premises will include all buildings, sports fields and areas under the auspices of Bradfield School. Smoking is also prohibited on vehicles hired by the school or in any vehicle on the school premises.
- iv. Bradfield School is a no-smoking site according to law and Sheffield Council policy. It is therefore unacceptable for students to smoke on the school site at any time. The law prohibits the sale of cigarettes, e-cigarettes, e-liquids, lighters or matches to young people under the age of 18.

### 3. Aims

- To enable all pupils and staff to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge and challenging attitudes towards smoking.
- To provide a programme of education and accurate information about the health risks associated with smoking.
- To enable young people and staff to identify sources of appropriate personal support to help with the cessation of smoking and these support mechanisms are open to them when they are needed
- 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.
- To ensure that both penalties for smoking on the school site and support procedures are consistently and fairly applied.
- To ensure that pupils, staff, parents, contractors and any other visitors are informed about the school's policy and procedures relating to smoking.

## Procedures relating to smoking or e-smoking with regard to students of Bradfield School

1. The school reserves the right to search students suspected of smoking or vaping.
2. Any student found smoking or vaping, or in possession of smoking or vaping equipment on school premises or on the way to and from school will have items confiscated and thrown away; parents or carers will be contacted and a Head's detention issued. Details of how to stop smoking will be sent home.
3. Any student associating with students found smoking or vaping will be subject to the same procedures as above, at the school's discretion.
4. Repeat offenders will be dealt with as detailed below:
  - i. Second instance: one day in isolation and meeting with parents / carers, Pupil Support Officer and / or Head of Year arranged in school, in part to discuss cessation of smoking support for the student and to discuss future consequences
  - ii. Third instance: two days in isolation and meeting with parents / carers, Pupil Support Officer and / or Head of Year arranged in school, to discuss cessation of smoking support for the student, future consequences and to draw up behaviour contract
  - iii. Fourth instance: one day fixed term exclusion followed by meeting as detailed above; behaviour contract may include withdrawal of social time
  - iv. Fifth instance: one day fixed term exclusion, followed by meeting with parent / carer, member of Senior Leadership Team, potential managed move or permanent exclusion discussed on grounds of repeated defiance of school rules; governor panel may follow.