



BORDEN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

No-Smoking Policy

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No-Smoking Policy

It is the aim of the policy to help promote and encourage healthy lifestyles. The school teaches pupils about the dangers of smoking and it is therefore important for the school to provide an environment which complements and does not negate this teaching. The school also has a duty to protect the health of staff, pupils and visitors to the school.

INTRODUCTION

Smoking is an addictive habit, generally acquired in childhood, which is a leading cause of preventable death in the UK. Around 114,000 people die from a smoking related disease every year. It is estimated that a further 11,000 people die every year as a result of exposure to secondhand smoke.

OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY

- To protect non-smokers from exposure to secondhand smoke.
- To demonstrate the school's commitment to protecting the health of its staff, pupils and the community it serves.
- To educate pupils and staff about the health risks of smoking.
- To provide support for those who wish to stop smoking.
- To effect savings through reduced fire risk, cleaning costs and insurance premiums.

THE SCHOOL POLICY

Smoking and the use of e-cigarettes or "vaping" is not allowed anywhere on the school site for the health, safety and well-being of our staff, students and visitors.

E-Cigarettes: Whilst it is recognized that there is no current legislation banning these products they remain unlicensed and little is known about the health risks they may cause. E-cigarettes can contain liquid nicotine, flavour and other chemicals which is turned into vapour and is inhaled by the user. Our intention is to protect non-smokers from being exposed to these vapours which could be potentially harmful, and may cause safety concerns.

PUPILS

- Pupils will not be permitted to smoke while on school premises or while in public wearing school uniform or school ID badges.
- Pupils will not be permitted to smoke while engaged in school related activities outside of school hours.
- Smoking cessation advice and support through health professionals can be offered to any pupil who asks for it.
- Contravention of no smoking rules will be regarded as a breach of discipline and/or behaviour and the matter will be pursued through the normal disciplinary procedures.

STAFF

- Staff are not allowed to smoke on the school premises.
- Staff are not allowed to smoke in the presence/sight of pupils or parents, on or near the school premises or whilst in charge of pupils from the school. This includes trips/activities outside school hours.
- Contravention of the no smoking rules will be regarded as a breach of discipline and the matter will be pursued through the normal disciplinary procedures.

VISITORS TO SCHOOL

- All visitors, including parents, Governors and suppliers will not be permitted to smoke on school premises.

THOSE HIRING OR LEASING THE SCHOOL PREMISES

- Persons using the school premises, for any purpose, at any time, will not be permitted to smoke on school premises.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE POLICY

- Staff access this policy through Moodle and will be aware through Induction.
- Parents will be informed via the school website section on policies.
- Members of staff will inform visitors as appropriate.
- Signs and notices are posted at entrances and exits to the school grounds and buildings and in prominent positions throughout the school.

SUPPORT FOR SMOKERS

Members of staff and pupils whom wish to stop smoking will be encouraged and supported.

Local Support and other useful contact information:

Support is available for those who wish to stop smoking from the organisations below:

Stop Smoking Kent Helpline: 0800 849 4444
Email: kcht.sss@nhs.net
Text: QUIT to 87023
Fax: 01303 858935
Website: www.smokefreekent.co.uk

Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) – offer confidential advice on problems associated with smoking in the workplace.

Tel: 0207 739 5902
Website: www.ash.org.uk

National 'Giving Up Smoking' Helpline is: 0800 169 0169