



Smoking and Vaping

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Smoking is harmful and can be highly addictive, and education about smoking—including tobacco, use of e-cigarettes, vaping and other harmful substances—is included in the school’s PSHEE programme. The physical impact of smoking on adolescent development and on the body is also covered as part of the Biology curriculum. Pupils also learn about the risks of addiction and harmful substances more broadly within PSHEE, and the Medical Centre offers pupils medical advice in order to help them give up smoking.

- Pupils are not allowed to smoke anywhere in term-time. This includes e-cigarettes and vaporizers. The School Rules state: *No pupil may smoke or have cigarettes, e-cigarettes or tobacco products in their possession. It is a particularly serious offence to smoke or vape inside or near to school buildings.*
- A pupil who smokes tobacco is putting his present and future health at risk. It is illegal to smoke inside school buildings. Any pupil who does so is, additionally, putting the health and safety of others seriously at risk.
- A pupil who smokes will be dealt with by their Housemaster in the first instance and will be fined £10, unless they are found to be smoking inside school buildings in which case the Housemaster will bring them before the Headmaster or Second Master.
- The school will write to the parents of any pupil who smokes inside the buildings. This offence may result in Major or Final Warning.
- The school asks parents not to allow their children to smoke at home and in the holidays.
- The school operates a no-smoking policy for staff, which applies on all school premises except for private houses. This applies to e-cigarettes and vaporizers as well.