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High School

Smoking Policy

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RATIONALE

There is overwhelming evidence that links smoking to a range of serious illnesses, including lung cancer and heart disease. Passive smoking can also cause these health problems. The dangers extend beyond the individual; bringing matches and lighters onto the premises presents other risks. In addition, younger students might be encouraged to smoke by the sight of others smoking on the premises.

PURPOSE/PRINCIPLES

- To eliminate the instances of students smoking on the school premises, and on the way to and from school.
- To take positive action to educate all students into the dangers of smoking to themselves and others.
- To engage outside agencies to provide expert information and guidance.
- To create a hierarchy of sanctions for repeated offenders.
- To provide support and appropriate interventions for repeated offenders.

BROAD GUIDELINES

- The curriculum in subject areas such as Science, RE and PSE will be used to educate the students into the dangers.
- Additional input will be provided by immersion days.
- The policy will provide support, sanctions and the involvement of the parents, school nurse, Smoking Cessation courses and school Governors.

MONITORING & EVALUATING

All incidents will be recorded on the appropriate forms with one copy held centrally and another copy kept in the student personal file. Tracking incidents will be the responsibility of the Assistant Heads of Year. Each incident will trigger the next stage of the sanctions and support outlined in the Substance Misuse Policy.

LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES

Health, Safety & Welfare School
Ready to Learn Policy
Secondary School Substance Misuse Policy

Smoking Policy: Chronology

First Offence:

If the student is caught smoking on the school premises, or on the journey to and from school the school will

- Confiscate any cigarettes, matches, lighters.
- Parents informed via a letter.
- Serious nature of the breach of school rules explained.
- Pupil returns to class.

Second Offence

- Confiscate any cigarettes, matches, lighters.
- Pupil receives an after school detention.
- Parents are sent a second letter.
- Pupils encouraged to attend a smoking cessation group.

Repeat Offences

- Confiscate any cigarettes, matches, lighters.
- A third letter is sent to parents.
- Parents in to discuss problem with a member of the pastoral team.
- Smoking cessation sessions offered again.
- Pupil spends 1 day in the Isolation Room.

Future offences following this will result in the school reviewing the pupil's referrals to the Isolation Room and consideration of whether an exclusion is appropriate.