

Cantonian High School

Ysgol Uwchradd Cantonian



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Smoke-Free School Policy

November 2009
Reviewed October 2012 – no changes
Reviewed September 2014 – no changes
Revised January 2016
Reviewed March 2018 – no changes
Reviewed January 2020 – no changes

This policy was adopted by Governors on 14 March 2016

Smoke-free refers to the use of substitute smoking materials, such as e-cigarettes, in addition to conventional tobacco cigarettes.

1. Rationale

- A smoke-free school provides an environment that protects and promotes the health and well-being of the entire school community.
- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of ill health in our society and passive smoking has been shown to cause lung cancer and other serious illnesses in non smokers.
- Being a smoke free school reinforces our commitment to the Cardiff Healthy Schools Scheme's philosophy of adopting a whole school approach to smoking issues and reinforcing messages learnt in the classroom with policy and practice.
- Young people are more likely to start smoking if they see adults smoking.
- Pupils, staff and visitors have the right to a safe and healthy smoke free environment.

2. Purpose

- To ensure a healthy smoke free environment at our school in accordance with Welsh Government legislation and the City & County of Cardiff's policy on smoking in the workplace.

3. Legislative requirement

- Smoking is not allowed anywhere within the buildings or the grounds of our school 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Smoke-free signs must be displayed at all entrances to school grounds and at every outer entrance to the building or enclosed areas forming part of the school premises.
- Smoking is not permitted in any commercial vehicle transporting pupils or staff on journeys and to out of school events.
- Anyone smoking on school premises will be reminded of the school policy and if they refuse to comply will be asked to leave the premises.

4. Commitment to a Smoke-Free Environment

We will promote our commitment to providing a smoke free environment by:

- Prominently displaying our Smoke-Free Policy in the staff room.
- Informing parents of new entrants of our school's Smoke-Free Policy.
- Advising visitors to our school's premises of our Smoke-Free Policy.
- Advising contractors and others working within our school's premises of our Smoke-Free Policy.
- Ensuring that organisations/individuals using school facilities agree to comply with our Smoke-Free Policy.
- Giving new members of staff a copy of the policy which will become part of their contract of employment.
- Promoting all school activities outside of our school's premises as smoke-free, e.g. field trips, sporting events etc.
- Declaring a smoke-free zone at school site entrances.
- Supporting our smoking staff to quit by displaying the Smokers Helpline Wales number in the staffroom (0800 1690 169).
- Providing pupils with educational programmes on smoking so that they understand the benefits of not smoking.
- Encouraging pupils to participate in Welsh Assembly Government initiatives to promote non-smoking (e.g. Smoke Bugs and Smoke Free Class).
- Taking opportunities to participate in appropriate educational initiatives to promote non-smoking e.g. Theatre in Education programmes, Police Liaison Programme.
- Where appropriate, reminding parents transporting pupils to and from school events, of the school's Smoke-Free Policy and encouraging them to comply with the spirit of the policy.

5. Monitoring & Review

The Governing Body will review the policy every two years.

Agreed by Headteacher: *Seyll*

Agreed by Chair of Governors: *D. M. A. Mutton*

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Date for Review: Spring 2022