



Great Marlow School

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NO SMOKING/VAPING POLICY

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Indicate as appropriate:

There **has been** a change to the previous policy.

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1. Purpose

This policy has been developed to protect all staff, students, Contractors and Visitors from exposure to second-hand smoke and to assist compliance with the Health Act 2006.

2. Policy

It has always been the policy of **Great Marlow School** that the school is smoke free. An extension to the policy came into effect on Sunday 1st July 2007 that smoking is prohibited on all the school premises. This includes school vehicles and school grounds.

This policy applies to all employees, students and contractors and visitors and to those using the premises outside normal school hours.

Students are not allowed to be in possession of vapes, cigarettes or lighters whilst at school, on the periphery of the site, on their way to or from school, or whilst engaged in school activities. GMS expects parents and carers to support disciplinary measures that support compliance with this policy.

3. Implementation

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with the Headteacher. However, all staff are obliged to adhere to, and support the policy. The school will regularly inform all employees, students and contractors of the policy and their role in implementation and monitoring. For staff employed after 1st July 2007 the policy forms part of the Contract of Employment. The Site Manager will advise all contractors working on site of the policy and those who hire the school premises for out of school hours events are advised of the policy in the school letting agreement.

4. Non-Compliance

Local disciplinary procedures will be followed if a member of staff, or student, does not comply with this policy. Those who do not comply with the smoke free law may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

5. Statement of Policy on Cigarette Smoking or Smoking of Vapes

Great Marlow School encourages students not to smoke cigarettes or vape by means of its RSHE curriculum and by other pastoral contacts. Great Marlow School is a non-smoking establishment that fully supports legislation making it illegal to smoke on public premises.

Smoking/vaping or being in the company of smokers/vapers or being in possession of smoking/vaping materials on the school premises or when travelling to and from school, is not permitted.

6. Sanctions

First

Contact made with parent/carer by Director of Learning/or Student Support Officer and after school detention – written work on harmful effects of smoking and/or vaping

Subsequent

Fixed term suspension may be warranted for students who are caught smoking and/or vaping more than once, with a recommendation to parents and carers to seek advice from GP.

Persistent Smokers/Vapers

A member of the Leadership Team may arrange for them to spend breaks and lunchtimes in isolation in a designated room for an extended period.

We are concerned for the health of all our students and shall attempt to offer counselling for those who are addicted to the habit but seek parents' support in this respect as well as their support of our disciplinary measures.

7. Help to Stop Smoking/Vaping

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers/vapers give up. Visit gosmokefree.co.uk or call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 169 0 169 for details. Alternatively, you can text 'GIVE UP' and your full postcode to 88088 to find your **local NHS Stop Smoking Service**.