



Saint Felix School

SOUTHWOLD

Smoking Policy

Applicable to Boarding and Early Years Foundation Stage

School Proprietor	Mr A Mehta
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Custodian	Head and Head of Boarding

To be read in conjunction with:

Behaviour and Discipline Policy

Health and Safety Policy

Under the Health Act (2006) it is illegal to smoke in any school building or substantially enclosed area, or in any school or private vehicle being used for school business. Saint Felix School and its grounds are a non-smoking establishment. Smoking is not permitted for staff and adult visitors on site. For the purpose of this policy, the term 'smoking' refers to cigarettes and also the use of e-cigarettes and 'vaping'.

This policy applies to pupils when on the School premises, School outings, when in school uniform and on expeditions. They also apply on journeys to and from home at the beginning and end of term and at half term.

Action and Sanctions

If a pupil is caught smoking or found in possession of smoking material (cigarettes, lighters, papers, vapes, fluids) these will be immediately confiscated and destroyed and a report made on iSAMs conducts. Staff may search rooms and bags according to our Behavioural Policy.

Further sanctions action may also be applied:

- Parents and guardians will be contacted
- Lose privileges such as break times and free time
- Internal suspension
- External suspension
- Consultation with a medical practitioner for support in breaking the addiction

Proportionality

In considering smoking sanctions, the school will also consider any instances of drinking or other major contraventions of school rules by the pupil in the recent past.

Smoking inside the school buildings or in the close vicinity of school buildings

Smoking inside or close to the school buildings brings with it additional risk of fire. The school views this as a serious breach of School Health and Safety Policy and the Law and offenders should expect to be externally suspended irrespective of the other provisions of this policy.

Pupils need to also be aware that the grounds of Saint Felix are mainly gorse land; which after periods of little rain do become very dry and will burn with little ignition. Fire in gorse land spreads very quickly and causes a major risk to buildings, people and wildlife.

If, as a result of smoking, property is damaged, therefore invalidating the school's insurance, any costs incurred by the school will be recharged to the student's parents.