

THE WESTGATE SCHOOL

Hampshire's First 4-16 'All Through' School

*"The Westgate School is a community of learners where partnerships inspire success for all:
learning together – achieving excellence"*

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Initial Policy date	January 1997	Next scheduled review	January 2024
Governor approved	January 2022	Key person/people	AHT/Year Leaders
Model Policy		Model localised	Yes
Pupil leadership team review		Y/N N/A	

SMOKING/VAPING POLICY

Principles:

There is medical proof that smoking/vaping has a detrimental effect on the health of those that smoke/vape and on people who are in the company of smoke/vapers. We must try to protect all those who work and visit the school from the harmful effects of smoking/vaping and proactively encourage pupils to consider the impact on others as well as themselves.

The Westgate School is a non-smoking/vaping site which protects the health of all members of the school community, Rotherly, The Westgate's Nursery, The Westgate Badminton Centre and visitors to the school, hereafter referred to as 'the School'.

We will promote the benefits of **not** smoking/vaping and educate the pupils of the school as to the harmful effects of smoking/vaping.

Practice:

- The Westgate School site including all buildings and grounds has been designated as a **No Smoking/vaping Area**.
- All visitors to the site will be notified that the school is a No Smoking/vaping Area. Any visitor to the site who is seen smoking/vaping will be asked not to smoke/vape while at the school.
- Any employee found smoking/vaping on the school site, or near school premises, will be challenged in line with the HCC conduct procedures.
- All applicants for posts at the school will be notified that the school has a No Smoking/vaping policy.
- Included within the school curriculum, and specifically in the personal development programme, issues are covered relating to smoking/vaping and passive smoking/vaping.
- Pupils' opinions of smoking/vaping will be sought and where necessary challenged through the PD programme and individual support.
- Peer pressure to smoke/vape/vape will be challenged. All available resources, including Personal, Social and Health Education programme, visiting speakers and the school peer counseling will be used towards this end. The School has a trained smoking/vaping counsellor, who supports those pupils who wish to give up including referrals to their GP.
- Pupils who smoke/vape or bring cigarettes/smoking/vaping paraphernalia on to the site are breaking the School's rule and will be sanctioned. All such items will be confiscated and destroyed without consultation. Parents will be notified.

- Parents are expected to support the school in helping to maintain a non-smoking/vaping school site and in educating their son/daughter of the dangers of smoking/vaping.
- Electronic cigarettes are also banned and if found, will be confiscated and destroyed.

Any pupil suspected of being in possession of cigarettes/tobacco/vapes or any smoking paraphernalia will have their bags and coats/blazers searched; lockers will be randomly checked. This will be done in the presence of another adult witness.