



No-Smoking Policy

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Why do we need a no-smoking policy?

At Belper School and Sixth Form Centre we value the health and welfare of all within our community as a key priority. We believe that a healthy and safe environment is important in terms of physical well-being, and is a vital factor in promoting emotional health, which in turn will affect the raising of standards.

It is important to us, that our policy and approach to smoking and the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) should reflect changing social attitudes, and actively reflect and support our goals for effective and lasting drugs education.

In developing our school's policy on smoking, we have sought to:

- Build on our commitment to community well-being
- Reinforce our drug education aims
- Reflect LA policy
- Meet Department for Education guidelines
- Comply with the law on smoking in public places

What is the policy?

In accordance with law on smoking in public places, Belper School and Sixth Form Centre will not allow smoking or vaping in any of its buildings and notices to this effect are displayed at all entrances to the school.

It is the policy of Belper School, that smoking or vaping **will not be allowed** anywhere on the school premises, including the playing fields.

The school will also not permit smoking or vaping at any off-site activities, or during educational and other visits.

Provision for safe used cigarette disposal will be made by the front entrance for external users of the building.

The above applies to EVERYONE involved with the school community in any way:

- Employees
- Students
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Outside contractors working on-site
- Anyone attending an outside letting

As a school we believe that everyone connected with us has a responsibility to be actively involved in the implementation of our no-smoking policy, and to assist in taking all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure its full implementation.

As part of that strategy, we will:

- a) Ensure that the policy is regularly made known to all concerned, including; staff, students, parents/carers, voluntary helpers and hirers. This will include the display of no-smoking signs at all entry points.
- b) Offer all practical support to anyone in the school community who is seeking to stop smoking. Smoking cessation support from an appropriate source will be offered.
- c) Keep a regular check on the school premises to ensure that they are clear of any smoking related litter.
- d) Support the reasoning behind the no smoking policy through our drug education programme within Personal and Social Education (PSE).

Sanctions

If students are caught smoking or vaping they will be reported to the **Reflection** Room, and a letter will be sent to their parent/carer detailing the circumstances and the school's view on smoking and the use of e-cigarettes. Students may be given a lunchtime detention in the **Reflection** Room in response to this infraction. The number of these detentions will increase with repeated infractions and exclusions may be considered for repeat offenders.

Area covered by No-Smoking Policy

