

Prohibited Items



STATUTORY / NON-STATUTORY	NON-STATUTORY
MEMBER OF STAFF RESPONSIBLE	AHT (NDo)
DATE APPROVED BY Head/SLT	Feb 2020
GOVERNING BODY OR COMMITTEE RESPONSIBLE	GP
DATE OF FULL GOVERNING BODY APPROVAL	N/A
REVISION DUE DATE	February 2022

Prohibited Items Policy: Health and Safety (encompassing smoking and vaping items/fizzy and energy drinks)

Principles:

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

Noadswood is a non-smoking site which protects the health of all member of the school community. We will promote the benefits of **not** smoking and educate the pupils of the school as to the harmful effects of smoking.

There is also medical evidence that the consumption of fizzy and energy drinks also has a detrimental effect on young people's ability to think clearly, regulate their energy levels through the day and stay healthy because of the chemicals that the drinks contain.

Practice:

Noadswood site including all buildings and grounds has been designated as a **No Smoking Area**.

All visitors to the site will be notified that the school is a No Smoking Area.

Any visitor to the site who is seen smoking will be asked not to smoke while at the school.

Any employee found smoking on the school site, or not school premises, will be challenged in line with Noadswood's staff conduct procedures.

All applicants for posts at the school will be notified that the school has a No Smoking policy.

Included within the school curriculum, specifically in the Citizenship programme, issues are covered relating to smoking and passive smoking. This is included in the Summer term for year 7s and the Spring term for year 8.

Peer pressure to smoke will be challenged. All available resources, including the Citizenship programme, visiting speakers and the school counsellor will be used towards this end. We are able to make referrals to Catch 22 and other 'smoke 'stop' organisations and charities for help and support for those pupils who wish to give up.

Pupils who smoke or bring any kind of cigarettes, vape or smoking paraphernalia on the school site are breaking the School's expectations and will therefore be held to account according to our behaviour policy. All such items will be confiscated and destroyed without consultation. Parents/Carers will be notified.

Parents and Carers are expected to support the school in helping to maintain a non-smoking school site and in educating their son/daughter on the dangers of smoking so that there is true partnership around health and safety on these matters.

Any form of electronic cigarettes/vaping equipment are also banned and if found, will be confiscated and destroyed.

Any pupil suspected of being in possession of cigarettes/tobacco or any smoking paraphernalia can have their bags and coats/blazers searched; lockers can also

be randomly checked. This will be in the presence of another adult witness. Parents/Carers will be notified if a search is carried out.

Fizzy and energy drinks brought into school by any pupils will also be confiscated and disposed of, and adults are asked not to consume any such products in public parts of the school or around our young people, in the name of a healthy lifestyle for all through the day.

Parents and Carers are asked to give clear messages to young people about the ingredients in such drinks and their impact, encouraging them not to purchase these items on the way to school or on the way home.

Such items will not be sold through the school's catering offer, nor on special event days, to discourage the idea that they are treats/rewards.

Messages about the importance of consuming sufficient water per day and the impact of fizzy and energy drinks on energy, self regulation and sleep will be given through the PSHE curriculum, other curriculum areas as appropriate and through the assembly programme.