



Smoking Vaping Policy for North Coast Integrated College

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POLICY RELATING TO SMOKING/ VAPING

This school has a responsibility to promote healthy, lifestyles and, in pursuit of this, teaches pupils about the hazards of smoking and vaping as part of health education. The school wishes to provide an environment that complements and does not negate this teaching. It also wishes to protect the health of staff, pupils and visitors to the school.

Children and young people are more likely to become smokers themselves if parents or friends smoke, or if they are exposed to role models who smoke. In order to set an appropriate example for our young people, it is important that North Coast Integrated College is a completely smoke-free and vape free environment.

Smoking remains the single greatest cause of preventable death and illness, killing over 2,300 people here each year. The harm caused by tobacco smoke also extends to non-smokers through exposure to second-hand smoke with children and young people being particularly vulnerable.

Children and young people should not be vaping and that there are risks associated with underage vaping

- Selling or supplying vaping devices to under 18s is illegal;
- Smoking and vaping remains a significant health risk.

Objectives of the policy

(a) To protect non-smokers from environmental tobacco smoke.

(b) To demonstrate the school's commitment to promoting the health of its staff, its pupils and the community it serves.

(c) To educate pupils and staff about the serious health risks of smoking and vaping and the substantial benefits of stopping.

The school policy

(a) **The school is a "Smoking free area."**

b) **Pupils** The present rule forbidding smoking/ vaping by pupils while on school premises, while in public wearing school uniform, or while engaged in school-related activity outside the school will be unchanged.

c) All **members of staff:** teaching, peripatetic, support and non-teaching staff may not smoke while on the school site or when supervising school-related activities outside school.

d) Visitors on the school site are not permitted to smoke on school premises.

As this is a formal school policy, failure to comply with it will be dealt with through the usual management arrangements .

Sanctions for Pupils

Smoking

First offence after school detention. Second offence internal suspension. Third offence suspension.

Vaping

Because of the illegal and unregulated nature of vapes if a pupil is caught vaping in school parents will be contacted and they will be asked to collect their child. If the pupil is unable to be collected the pupil will be suspended the following day.