



Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

Non-Smoking Policy

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PURPOSE

This policy has been developed to protect all students, employees, parents, contractors and visitors from exposure to secondhand smoke and to assist compliance with the Health Act 2006.

Smoking for these purposes include the use of cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic cigarettes (or e-cigarettes) and any other type of smoking.

Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses.

Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure.

POLICY

It is the policy of Sir Robert Pattinson Academy that our academy buildings and grounds are smoke free.

Smoking is prohibited in all parts of the buildings and grounds of our academy.

This includes the academy mini bus or any other academy vehicle.

This policy applies to all students, employees, parents, contractors and visitors.

IMPLEMENTATION

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with the Deputy Head Teacher, however, all students and staff are obliged to adhere to, and support the implementation of the policy.

The Deputy Head Teacher shall arrange for all existing students, employees, parents, visitors and contractors to be aware of the policy and their role in the implementation and monitoring of the policy. All new personnel will be given a copy of the policy on recruitment/induction.

Appropriate 'no-smoking' signs are clearly displayed at the entrances to and within the premises, and in the academy mini bus.

NON-COMPLIANCE

Disciplinary procedures will be followed if a student or member of staff does not comply with this policy.

Those who do not comply with the smoke free law may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

HELP TO STOP SMOKING

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. Visit smokefree.nhs.uk or call the NHS. There is also a NHS stop smoking app available on I Tunes and Google Play.

A GP can also offer support in stopping smoking.

STAFF, VISITORS, VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS

For the purpose of this policy, smoking is deemed to be smoking any substance which is harmful to health and includes cigarettes, cigars, pipes, electronic cigarettes.

For staff, smoking on the academy site is a serious disciplinary offence and will be dealt with in accordance with the Academy's disciplinary procedure.

For visitors, volunteers and contractors, non-compliance with this policy will result in a warning that an offence has been committed. If the request to refrain is refused, they will be asked to leave the site.

Support will be offered to staff who wish to stop smoking. Any support offered will be based on confirmation of the individual's GP advice.

STUDENTS

For the purpose of this policy, smoking is deemed to be smoking any substance which is harmful to health.

Smoking on the academy site is a serious disciplinary offence and can result in Fixed Term Exclusion or Permanent Exclusion. The following outlines the procedures within the academy for managing students who are found to be smoking on the academy site. The challenge is to present a balance between having students accept the consequences for failure to conform to academy rules whilst educating students as to the health implications of smoking in the longer term.

Should the cigarette contain substances other than tobacco, alternative sanctions in line with the Behaviour Policy will apply.

Parent's support will be sought in encouraging the children to adhere to the rules whilst also seeking medical support where appropriate.

The following procedures are an attempt to manage the issue of students smoking on site. Not only is this illegal but sets a poor example to other students and can have serious health implications for students who become addicted.

During the supervised break and lunchtimes students will be involved in project work considering in depth the implications of smoking. Support will be offered to students who wish to stop smoking using the Addaction service, parents will also be asked to take the student to their GP.

Letter 1 – From Head of House

Name of student has been found to be smoking on the School site once again. This is the third occasion and will result in a lunchtime exclusion (5 lunchtimes) the details of which are attached.

Such is my concern re **name of student's** need to smoke on the Academy premises I have referred **name of student** to meet with Addaction. **Name of student** will also have supervised break and lunchtimes for the next two weeks during which time they will research the health implications of smoking.

Any future smoking on site will result in a Fixed Term Exclusion.

Letter 2 – From Head Teacher

Standard exclusion letter

Meeting with parents to be booked.

Supervised break and lunchtime for 4 weeks.

Letter 3 – From Deputy Head of House

As you are aware Sir Robert Pattinson Academy is a Non Smoking site and students found smoking on site are subject to strict disciplinary measures, (see attachment).

It has been brought to my attention that _____ returned from break/lunch with his/her breath smelling of tobacco leading us to suspect he/she may have been smoking.

While there is no clear sighting of smoking on academy site, I would like to alert you to the possibility that they may have been doing so. I have enclosed a copy of the procedures which are followed if students are found to be smoking on site and would appreciate it if you would discuss this with _____.

Apart from the legal implication of smoking in a public place, I am concerned for _____'s health and wellbeing should they develop this habit at this vulnerable age.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Letter 4 – From Deputy Head of House

As you are aware Sir Robert Pattinson School is a public site and as such, smoking is not permitted. Students who are found to be smoking on site are subject to strict disciplinary measures (see attachment).

It has been brought to my attention that _____, was today associating with students who were smoking on the academy site. These students have been disciplined following academy procedures.

On this occasion I have issued a warning to _____ concerning their association with students who are smoking on site. _____ is aware that if they are found associating with students who are smoking on site they will receive an appropriate sanction.

Please can you discuss this with _____