



Lampard Community School

## SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY

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## 1. Mission Statement:

We are a positive learning community built on the relationships we make. Our EMPOWER curriculum develops **independence, communication** and **emotional wellbeing**. We are committed to providing our students with the best education based on these to equip them to go on to live an active and fulfilled life as adults in the modern world. We want our students to realise their aspirations and make positive steps towards developing the skills needed for future employment.

### Our School Values

We are kind to each other

We respect each other

We listen to each other

We work together

We have the courage to keep trying our best

We celebrate and build on our own and each other's strengths and differences

## 2. Purpose of this policy:

Lampard Community School has a duty to protect its employees and students from known hazards. We promote the physical and emotional well-being of our school and local communities. We understand that the health risks associated with smoking / vaping are serious and detrimental for those who smoke /vape, as well as people within close proximity. Therefore, as a result of the damaging effects of both active and passive smoking / vaping, smoking / vaping is prohibited anywhere on the grounds or the immediate surroundings of the school. This policy covers both nicotine and other substances which can be smoked or vaped.

## 3. Aims:

The aims of the policy are:

- To discourage students from smoking and vaping for the following reasons:
  - It is detrimental to their health.
  - It can be addictive.
  - It promotes, in a school context, secretive and unsafe behaviors.
  - It presents a health and safety risk.
- To educate students about the dangers and consequences of smoking and vaping.
- To develop a partnership with parents and carers to discourage students from smoking and vaping.
- To create a smoke and vape free environments for all those within the school community, including staff, students, visitors, parents, carers, etc.
- To create a smoke and vape free environment whilst attempting to be sensitive to those who find it difficult not to smoke on the premises.
- To clarify the use of e-cigarettes and cigarettes on, and around, the school premises.

## 4. Legal Framework

This policy has due regard to legislation, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- Health Act 2006
- Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991
- Nicotine Inhaling Products (Age of Sale and Proxy Purchasing) Regulations 2015
- Equality Act 2010
- This policy also has due regard to guidance including, but not limited to, the following:
- Public Health England (2016) 'Use of e-cigarettes in public places and workplaces' This policy will be implemented in conjunction with the school's Drug Policy.

## 5. Policy application

- The principles outlined in this policy apply to all staff, students, visitors, contractors, parents and carers.
- The principles outlined in this policy also continue to apply whether or not 'no smoking, no vaping' signs are displayed.
- **All areas of the School premises**, including outdoor areas, are designated smoke-free environments and, as such, **all individuals** are prohibited from smoking anywhere on the premises, without exception.

## 6. Smoking and Vaping on the school premises *(For the purpose of the policy, the process of using an e-cigarette is defined as vaping)*

- **The whole of Lampard Community School site is strictly a no-smoking/no vaping area.**
- Smoking or vaping is prohibited on the School premises at all times; there are no designated areas available on the school premises for smoking or vaping.
- **Smoking and vaping paraphernalia are prohibited items** at Lampard Community School for students and should not be brought onto the school site or taken on any trips or outings that take place as part of School life and under our care. Staff, contractors and visitors should keep smoking or vaping paraphernalia out of sight and reach of students.
- Staff, contractors, visitors and students are not permitted to smoke or vape within the immediate surrounding area of the School premises during school hours; this is to reduce the risk of students, parents and other members of the community witnessing the individual smoking, which may affect professional etiquette.
- Any individual who is witnessed smoking or vaping on the premises, or within the immediate surrounding area during school hours, will be subject to disciplinary sanctions, **as outlined below.**
- Although e-cigarettes are not covered by the Health Act 2006, the School adopts a fully smoke-free environment, and recognises that use of e-cigarettes, still pose some hazards, particularly for those with asthma and respiratory conditions who may be affected by the vapor.
- Smoking or vaping is not permitted at any time in vehicles being used on behalf of the School, e.g. School minibuses, whether or not students are present, or car mileage allowance is being claimed, as smoke fumes may linger in the vehicle and affect the health of other passengers.
- Smoking or vaping is not permitted in any personal vehicles on the School premises or within the immediate surrounding area.

- Any individual witnessed smoking or vaping in personal vehicles as outlined above, or in vehicles used on behalf of the School, **will be subject to disciplinary action as outlined below.**
- It is illegal to sell nicotine vaping products to anyone under 18 or for anyone to buy them on behalf of under-18s.
- Staff, visitors and contractors are prohibited from purchasing cigarettes or e-cigarettes for students and any other individuals under the age of 18 at the School, e.g. visitors.
- Teachers are aware that vapes could be used to exploit the most vulnerable children, as is the case with other age restricted products such as tobacco and alcohol.

## 7. Disciplinary sanctions for students:

- Students may face disciplinary sanctions for the following reasons:
  - Students are seen smoking or vaping.
  - Students are seen with a cigarette or e-cigarette in their hand.
  - Students are found in possession of vapes or smoking related items.
  - There is strong evidence to suggest that a student has been smoking or vaping.
  - Students supply vapes, cigarettes or smoking related items to other students.

**The above list applies to the school site and any trip or outings that take place as part of School life.**

When these rules are broken the following will happen:

- Students caught smoking or vaping will receive a **disciplinary sanction immediately** in accordance with the School's Behaviour Support Policy and will be reported to SLT. Staff will notify the students parent/carer of the incident and the disciplinary sanctions imposed on the student.
- If students seen/ or are suspected of being in possession of a vape/ smoking related items, the following will happen:
  - **If items are handed over:**
    - **Staff will ask the student/s to hand over the vape or smoke related items.**
    - If this happens immediately, students will be able to return to their class.
    - Parents will always be informed and will be asked to collect the items from school or give permission for them to be disposed of.
    - If items are not collected within 48 hours, they will be disposed of.
  - **If items are not handed over immediately:**
    - A student and their possessions may be searched if they are suspected of carrying such items, in line with our policy.
    - If items **are found** they will be confiscated, parents will be contacted as above, and a sanction will be put in place for the students involved.
    - If items are **not found** but we have good reason to believe a student has been vaping/ smoking or that they are in possession a vape or smoke related items the student will remain with a member of staff, parents will be contacted as above, and a sanction will be put in place for the students involved.

### Sanctions:

- Sanctions will consider which of the above rules have been broken and the number of

previous, related incidents on a student by student basis.

- Sanctions may include time in another room/ class away from their peers for a set time.
- If this sanction is accepted and the student complies, they will then be able to rejoin their classes for the rest of the day.
- If the student does not comply with such a sanction, this escalated level of defiance may lead to them being issued with a suspension from school. Suspensions can last from 1 - 10 days. It is important to note that continuous suspensions given for ongoing defiance and disruption can lead to a permanent exclusion.
- Staff will notify the students' parent/carer of the incident and the disciplinary sanctions imposed on the young person.

#### **Follow up:**

- The student will be encouraged to seek health advice as soon as possible.
- The student will be asked where they got their vape (or cigarette) from and a complaint can be made by the school to trading standards through the Citizens Advice online portal.
- If students are repeatedly caught smoking or vaping, their parents/carers will be invited to a meeting with SLT and further disciplinary sanctions may be imposed in accordance with the Behaviour Support Policy .
- In addition, the names of persistent offenders may be communicated to the Police and further incidents may result in more serious sanctions being considered by the school.

### **8. Disciplinary sanctions for staff/ contractors:**

- If a member of staff breaches any of the guidelines in this policy, they will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with School Policy.
- Staff may also be subject to a penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution depending on the nature of the breach.
- Visitors and contractors who breach the guidelines in this policy will be asked to leave the premises. Refusal to comply with this request may result in the school contacting the police.

### **9. Communication with Parents**

- We ask parents to ensure that their children do not come to school with vapes or any other smoking-related items.
- Staff will inform parents if their child is known or found to have been smoking or vaping at School or has been known or found to have been in possession of smoking or vaping paraphernalia.
- Staff will seek the support of parents in discouraging such behaviors.

### **10. Educational Support and Guidance**

- The School aims to implement effective, supportive procedures for those who want to quit smoking, and improve the health of both smokers and non-smokers.
- The School regularly educates students about the effects of smoking /vaping, both through the requirements of the national curriculum, and through additional sessions, e.g. Personal Development/PSHE lessons, assemblies and presentations by outside agencies.
- Students are encouraged to seek help from other professionals about the effects of smoking/vaping, if they would like to quit smoking / vaping, or would like to know more about

additional methods of support.

## **11. Monitoring, evaluation and review**

The school will review this policy every other year and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

This policy should be read alongside the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, Behaviour Support Policy, Health and Safety Policy, Equality policy and SEND Policy.

## **12. Helpful organisations:**

<b>NHS</b>	<a href="https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/quit-smoking/nhs-stop-smoking-services-help-you-quit/">https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/quit-smoking/nhs-stop-smoking-services-help-you-quit/</a>	
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<b>QUIT</b>	<a href="http://www.quit.org.uk">http://www.quit.org.uk</a>	<b>Helpline: 0800 002200</b>

## Appendix 1: Smoking and Vaping Flow Chart

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