

Swanwick School & Sports College

SSSC Smoking and Vaping Policy

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Why do we need a smoking and vaping policy?

At Swanwick School and Sports College we value the health and welfare of all who form our community as a key priority for all involved with its management, at whatever level. We believe that not only is a healthy and safe environment important in terms of physical well-being, but it is also a vital factor in promoting emotional health, which in turn will affect the raising of standards.

It is important to us as a school that not only should our policy and approach to smoking and the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) reflect changing social attitudes, but, more importantly, it should actively reflect and support our goals for effective and lasting drug education. Therefore, this policy promotes practices within the school to reinforce our vision and to remove or discourage practices that negate them.

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

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

Aims of the Policy

The policy seeks to:

- Guarantee a healthy working environment and protect the current and future health of employees, pupils and visitors
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breathe in air free from tobacco smoke.
- To comply with Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law.
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke.
- Take account of the needs of those who smoke/vape and to support those who wish to stop.

What is the policy?

It is the policy of Swanwick School and Sports College that smoking and/or vaping will not be allowed at any school function or anywhere on school premises. This includes:

- All school buildings
- All school grounds (including outdoor areas such as the all-weather pitch)
- Smoking/vaping in a vehicle parked anywhere on the school grounds
- All off-site activities
- All educational and other visits

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

- Employees
- Pupils
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Outside contractors working onsite.

As a school we believe that everyone connected with us has a responsibility to be actively involved in the implementation of our smoking and vaping 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 it is regularly made known to all it concerns including staff, pupils, parents / carers, voluntary helpers and contractors.
- B. Offer all practical support to anyone in the school community who is seeking to stop smoking.
- 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 scheme of work.
- E. Involve the school nurse and DAS (Derbyshire Action on Smoking-PCT) and implement appropriate strategies.
- F. Ensure new members of staff will be made aware of this policy on induction and this information is also part of our sign in process.

Procedures for managing incidents

Any persons who smokes or vapes on the premises will be asked to extinguish their cigarette, stop using their e-cigarette/vaping and/or leave the school premises. Staff and pupils that breach this policy will follow the sanctions in line with Code of Conduct, Drugs Policy and/or Behaviour and Attitudes Policy.

Monitoring and Review:

This policy, and its implementation will be regularly evaluated by the governing body and will be formally reviewed as part of Swanwick School and Sports College monitoring process.

Policy Development:

This document is freely available to the entire school community. It is available via the school website or by contacting the school.