

Smoking and Vaping Policy

Roselyn House School
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1. Aims

KS Education Limited reaffirms its continuing responsibility for ensuring, as far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of all its employees and young people from hazards and is committed to ensuring that a non-smoking environment will be the norm for employees and students. Through this policy, Roselyn House School will ensure compliance with the Smoke-Free Regulations 2006 which form the statutory instruments prohibiting smoking at work premises. These regulations apply in England from 1st July 2007.

As smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society, as a school we believe it is our responsibility to promote a no smoking or vaping policy and to give everyone the right to breathe clean air and to avoid the dangers of second-hand smoke. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking/vaping role models if they are to recognise no smoking or vaping as the norm.

Second hand smoking, breathing in other people's tobacco smoke, has been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory disease in non-smokers. It has a negative effect on those people who suffer from conditions such as asthma etc.

Roselyn House School aims to provide a safe working and learning environment for both employees and students and supports a no smoking or vaping policy which reinforces the messages within the health initiatives in the wider community. This policy applies to all employees, students, contractors and visitors to Roselyn House School premises. This policy applies to anything that can be smoked, including cigarettes, cigars and herbal cigarettes, and it also applies to electronic cigarettes (also known as e-cigarettes). Smoking, vaping, possession of prohibited smoking or vaping products, repeated incidents, or concerns regarding exploitation, criminal activity, substance misuse or a pupil's welfare will be managed in accordance with the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2026.

This policy seeks to:

- Smoking and vaping on School premises in any area is prohibited.
- Provide a no smoking or vaping environment both within the school building and grounds that protects the health of the whole school community and visitors to our schools.
- To promote a healthy lifestyle by providing excellent role models for all children and adults within the school.
- Equip pupils with the social skills that enable them to resist the pressure to smoke, either from their peer group, or from society in general.
- To set the example of a health promoting smoke-free environment to all of our school and wider community in line with government guidance and local priorities to reduce the prevalence of smoking or vaping and the associated risks.
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breathe air that is free from tobacco smoke,

- vapour or other linked products.
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke or other linked products.
 - Consider the needs of those who smoke and to support those who do to stop.
 - This policy applies to all vaping devices, including disposable vapes, refillable electronic cigarettes, nicotine pouches and any device used to inhale nicotine or similar substances.

2. Organisation

Roselyn House School does not encourage young people to smoke tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes or vapes. There are no smoking shelters and smoking or vaping is not permitted within school grounds. All staff actively discourage young people from smoking or vaping and highlight the dangers and disadvantages of this habit. This is addressed through conversation throughout the school day, PSHE, Physical Education, Citizenship, Tutor sessions and Science programmes of study, including education around nicotine addiction, illicit vape products, peer pressure, online sales, substance misuse and exploitation risks. We also have links to wider professionals including school nurses and health professionals attached to local authorities.

However, as a School, we are aware that some of our students smoke cigarettes or use vapes, and we monitor who these are so that we may be able to target them with more specific interventions. If a member of staff finds a student smoking or vaping on the premises, in toilets or within grounds, they should be requested immediately to stop. The incident must be recorded on CPOMS and a member of SLT informed. Where an incident raises safeguarding concerns, including repeated vaping, peer pressure, suspected exploitation, substance misuse, possession of prohibited items or use of suspected illegal or THC-containing products, the CPOMS record will be reviewed by the Designated Safeguarding Lead. At both KS2,3/4 and KS5 sites, smoking and vaping are not permitted within the school grounds and this may result in students' cigarettes, vapes or associated paraphernalia being confiscated and disposed of safely.

Where there is reasonable suspicion that a pupil possesses cigarettes, vaping devices, nicotine products or associated paraphernalia, staff may take action in accordance with the school's Behaviour Policy and Searching, Screening and Confiscation procedures. Parents/carers will be informed where appropriate, and any safeguarding concerns will be escalated in line with school procedures.

Continued failure to comply with school rules will result in parents/carers being requested to attend Roselyn House School for a meeting.

Post 16 students who attend vocational provision, alternative provision and Colleges will be expected to follow the individual provision's Smoking/ Vaping Policy or this may affect their placement. Students need to understand in the wider world that you cannot 'smoke when you want' and have to follow 'no smoking rules' within colleges and workplaces. This is the same for school.

We work with School Nurses who provide additional support to our students who want to stop smoking and pass data and information on to our students, Parents/ Carers and staff. We recognise that it can be difficult for people to stop smoking, and some may substitute vaping in order to achieve this. We provide support and encouragement for people to succeed. We promote a healthy lifestyle ethos in school and encourage many fresh air

activities and enjoyment of the Outdoors. Information leaflets and posters are available in school.

Pupils wishing to stop smoking or vaping may be referred to school nursing services, local stop-smoking services, health professionals or other appropriate support agencies following consultation with parents/carers where appropriate. Where smoking or vaping behaviour indicates potential substance misuse concerns, referral may be made to relevant health, safeguarding or external support services in accordance with the school's Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Misuse Policy.

Staff will receive guidance or training appropriate to their role on managing smoking and vaping incidents, safeguarding implications of nicotine and substance misuse, CPOMS recording expectations, searching and confiscation procedures, and indicators of child criminal exploitation or wider vulnerability.

- The day-to-day implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the whole school community.
- If any members of staff wish to smoke, they must leave the school site. Staff who breach the no smoking or vaping policy are advised that this could result in disciplinary action.
- Breaches of this policy by pupils will result in the involvement of their parents.

3. Smoke-free environment

The following statements apply to all staff, pupils and visitors to the school e.g. parents, visiting suppliers, temporary staff and contractors.

- Smoking or vaping is not permitted in any part of the school site at any time. This includes all school buildings and the outside areas of the school including playgrounds, sports field or car parks.
- Smoking or vaping by pupils is not permitted during any educational visit, off-site activity or school transport journey.
- Smoking or vaping is not permitted immediately outside school entrances, exits, gates, boundaries or during arrival and departure times where pupils may be present.
- The relevant signage is displayed around Roselyn House School sites.
- Visitors, contractors and agency staff will be informed of the school's smoke-free and vape-free expectations upon arrival. Failure to comply may result in the individual being asked to leave the premises.
- Smoking is not permitted in any of the school vehicles.

4. Support for smokers

Other services/ information/ resources that are available nationally include:

- Local NHS stop smoking services, call 0300 123 1044 or [NHS stop smoking services help you quit - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Visit [Young people and vaping - Better Health - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Visit ASH (Action on Smoking and Health) <http://www.ash.org.uk/>
- Local GP practice, pharmacy or hospital.
- The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guideline NG 209 covers schools-based interventions in its recommendations on preventing uptake.
- Visit FRANK website [Honest information about drugs | FRANK \(talktofrank.com\)](#)

5. Monitoring arrangements

This document will be reviewed every year, but may be reviewed and updated more frequently if necessary. It will be reviewed by **Jack Birkenhead (Headteacher)** in consultation with the wider school community. Monitoring will include analysis of smoking and vaping incidents, confiscations, safeguarding concerns, pupil health and wellbeing trends, feedback from pupils, parents/carers and staff, and emerging DfE, NHS or local authority guidance on smoking, vaping and substance misuse.

6. Links with other policies

- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- Behaviour Policy
- Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Misuse Policy
- Searching, Screening and Confiscation procedures
- PSHE Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Educational Visits Policy
- Restrictive Physical Intervention Policy
- Online Safety Policy