

BRYANSTON

POLICY ON SMOKING

I General

Bryanston operates a clear policy prohibiting the consumption, possession or purchase of tobacco. The school also bans Vaping and vaping equipment. The School adopts a combination of education and sanctions in order to discourage smoking. This policy may be seen in the context of an environment in which the health hazards of smoking are becoming increasingly apparent and in which there have been changes in national legislation. (Following changes in the law in 2007, the whole Bryanston site was designated a No Smoking Site; in addition, the age at which young people may purchase tobacco was raised from 16 to 18).

2 Policy Aims

The aims of the school's policy on tobacco are:

- To provide accurate information relating to tobacco and the dangers involved.
- To enable pupils to make sensible decisions and informed choices.
- To enable pupils to identify sources of appropriate personal support if they need guidance in relation to tobacco.
- To provide clear information about the law and rules relating to tobacco and the consequences of any breach.
- To ensure people using the school site are aware that it is a No Smoking Site.

3 Education

We seek to achieve these aims through a whole school approach to tobacco education, which is principally based on delivery via the PSRE programme, but also in other contexts (including Assemblies and via the Medical Centre).

4 Sanctions

Junior smoking

- First offence - Smoker's Chart and a letter to parents.
- Second offence - Smoker's Chart, morning Detention and a letter to parents.
- Third offence – Smoker's Chart, Saturday evening Detention and a letter to parents, as well as an appointment with the Second Master. Subsequent offences – Smoker's Chart, Saturday evening Detention, a letter to parents, an appointment with the Second Master and weekend Estate Work

Senior smoking

- First offence - Friday evening Detention and communication to parents.
- Second offence - Friday evening Detention and communication to parents.
- Third offence - Saturday evening Detention, communication to parents and an appointment with the Second Master.
- Subsequent offences - Saturday evening Detention, communication to parents, an appointment with the Second Master and weekend Estate Work.

5 Additional Points

In addition to what has been written above, we also have an offence which we refer to as "aggravated smoking". This is for more serious smoking offences, examples of which include blatancy, proximity to buildings (e.g. close to a Junior House), possession of large amounts of tobacco, incidents of Seniors smoking with Juniors and a lack of transparency (eg lying). For such offences a higher punishment may result.

Individual Hsms may also apply the sanction of “grounding to the House”, usually after 9.00pm, if they deem it appropriate.

Smoking in a building is dealt with as a separate and much more serious offence and it results in automatic suspension from School for clear safety reasons.

This document should be read in conjunction with:

- Bryanston School Rules and Regulations
- Bryanston School Behaviour Policy

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