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SMOKING AND VAPING POLICY

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1 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 and vaping. This policy may be seen in the context of an environment in which the health hazards of smoking and vaping 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. Further changes to the law in 2015 made it illegal for retailers to sell electronic cigarettes or e-liquids to anyone under 18 and in June 2025 the sale of disposable vapes was banned.

2 Policy Aims

The aims of the School's policy on tobacco and vaping are:

- To provide accurate information relating to tobacco/vaping 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 and vaping.
- To provide clear information about the law and rules relating to tobacco/vaping and the consequences of any breach.
- To ensure people using the School site are aware that it is a No Smoking Site.

3 Education and Sanctions

The School tackles the problem of smoking, vaping and use of other nicotine products on two levels:

1. Education: through a whole school approach to tobacco education, which is principally delivered via the PSRE programme where effective lessons on the topics of smoking, vaping, snus, nicotine pouches and other nicotine products are in place. The Medical Centre nurses and GPs can provide guidance to those who are regular smokers, vapers or users of other nicotine products to encourage them to give up. Smoking and vaping are also discussed in Life Matters classes for Sixth Form pupils and in other contexts, including assemblies and House assemblies. Our educational approach promotes a healthy culture, with support for each

individual pupil.

2. Clear sanctions: whilst our priority is to educate pupils about the dangers of smoking and vaping and to deter them from smoking, vaping or using other potentially harmful nicotine products, the School has clear sanctions which are consistently enforced.

Junior Smoking/Vaping (years D/C/B)

- First Offence:
    - Communication to parents by House Parent, one week gating to House and Junior Detention
- Second Offence:
    - Communication to parents by House Parent, Head's Chart, and an appointment with the Assistant Head Pupils
- Third Offence:
    - Suspension (48 hours), completion of the week on Head's Chart, an appointment with the Senior Deputy Head. Further offences will require an appointment with the Head to discuss the pupil's position in the School.

Senior Smoking/Vaping (years A3/A2)

- First offence:
    - Communication to parents by House Parent, one week gating to House and Senior Detention
- Second offence:
    - Communication to parents by House Parent, Head's Detention (Saturday evening) and an appointment with the Assistant Head Pupils
- Third offence:
    - Communication to parents, Head's Chart, and an appointment with the Senior Deputy Head
- Subsequent offences – Suspension (48 hours), completion of the week on Head's Chart, communication to parents, and an appointment with the Head to discuss position in the School.

House Parent to discuss any incident of a pupil involved in smoking or vaping with parents and to offer a meeting with the Medical Centre.

Please note:

Possession or use of snus (powdered tobacco tablets or pouches, used in the mouth), chewing tobacco, nicotine pouches or snuff is sanctioned in the same way as tobacco smoking and vaping.

More serious offences:

1) We also have an offence which we refer to as aggravated smoking or vaping. This is for more serious smoking offences, examples of which include blatancy, proximity to buildings, possession of large amounts of tobacco or vaping materials, incidents of Seniors smoking/vaping with Juniors and a lack of transparency (e.g. lying). For such offences a higher punishment may result. Individual House Parents may also apply the sanction of 'gating to House', usually after 20.45, if they deem it appropriate.

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

3) Vapes and saliva testing:

   - Vapes are a particular concern because they can be used to take drugs, including THC (cannabis), 'spice' (synthetic cannabinoids), ketamine and other substances, as well as nicotine.

   - The House Parent reserves the right to saliva test any pupil if they have concerns about the contents of a vape. A House Parent may administer this simple, non-invasive procedure and the test produces accurate results within minutes. Parents will be contacted beforehand and the result shared afterwards. In the event of a positive result, the matter will be handled in accordance with our Illegal Drugs and Substance Misuse Policy.

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Bryanston Prep is also a no smoking zone.

- Pupils are not allowed to smoke or vape even with parental permission.
- Pupils caught smoking or vaping will be considered to be a very serious matter, warranting a review of the child's future at Bryanston Prep in line with the School's Behaviour Policy.

This document should be read in conjunction with:

- Bryanston School Rules and Regulations
- Bryanston School Relationships and Behaviour Policy
- Bryanston Illegal Drugs and Substance Misuse Policy