



## **ANTI-SMOKING POLICY**

Langley School wishes to provide a healthy, safe environment for students, staff and visitors alike. Following the provisions of the Health Act 2006 the school declares itself to be a non-smoking establishment (save for designated smoking areas for adult employees and visitors on specified occasions).

Students are actively discouraged from smoking through education, support and the imposition of sanctions. The School currently regards the use of e-cigarettes and equipment used for 'vaping' in the same light as all other means of smoking.

The short and longer-term effects of smoking are explored as part of the PSHE programme, and the Medical Centre holds information about strategies to aid giving up the practice. Students are encouraged to discuss worries about smoking with pastoral staff, Medical staff and appropriate support staff without fearing sanctions so that they may receive support in the cessation of or abandonment of any habit. As part of this support, a health action plan approved by the school Medical Team (the school Doctor and Nurse), it may be appropriate for a student to wear discreetly a nicotine 'patch'.

When applying sanctions, the school follows the principle "it is an offence for students to be caught smoking, to be found in possession of smoking materials or in the company of smokers".

On the first occasion of involvement in a smoking-related incident, any materials will be confiscated and destroyed, the student will be referred to the school Nurse for counselling and a period of "community service" will be carried out by the student. Parents/guardians will be informed of the sanction.

If any student is involved for a second time, then, in addition to the above measures, a fine (currently £50) will be levied (this sum will be passed on to an appropriate charity). Again, parents/guardians will be informed of the sanction, and will receive a warning about an escalation of sanctions in future case, together with a copy of the school's anti-smoking policy.

Further involvement, or in the case of a student being caught smoking indoors, will require the student to be interviewed by the Headmaster who may impose a sanction of an "internal suspension".

*The school reserves the right to act more severely if any incident warrants such a response, and repeat offenders may also find their position in the school in jeopardy.*