

Student Smoking Policy



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1. Principles

We believe in promoting good health in the young people we work with. At the same time, we recognise that, for many of our students, the issue of smoking or vaping has been detrimental to their ability to manage attendance and behaviour in their education. We are committed to supporting young people to engage with education and to make healthy life choices. All our pupils are unable to smoke or vape during their school's timetable.

If a parent or carer feels that our smoking policy has an adverse effect on their child's attendance or behaviour, a meeting with parents or carers and their Key Worker and a member of SLT will have to take place where the issues are discussed. If all parties agree, the student's Risk assessment will be updated and a pastoral support plan will be put in place with ways to support. We will then put the below action in place.

2. Physical environment

- Young people to hand in tobacco and/or cigarettes/vape at on arrival at school, and after each break.
- All smoking will take place in a designated area of Releasing Potential buildings.
- A sand bucket will be provided.
- At least one member of RP staff will always supervise smokers.

3. Parental permission

- If our smoking policy has an adverse effect on their child's attendance or behaviour, the parent or carer will be invited in for a pastoral support meeting where the issues will be discussed. If all parties agree then their Risk assessment will be updated and a support plan put in place.
- Any young person who smokes or vapes without parental permission will be home-sent and automatically suspended from RP for the following day.
- Parents of young people who share tobacco or vapes with others who do not have individual permission and an updated Risk assessment and support plan in place will be contacted and asked to collect their child; if they are unable to do this the child will be suspended the following day.

4. SHAPE system

- If a young person has individual permission and an updated Risk assessment and support plan in place, then smoking will not be included in SHAPE scoring. This will

enable us to deliver our rewards/consequences structures effectively in relation to all other behavioural issues.

5. Health promotion

- RP does not endorse smoking or vaping.
- Young people will be encouraged to access local smoking cessation services, and where possible supported to attend.
- Displays will promote smoking cessation services and leaflets will be easily accessible around school buildings
- Young people will be offered attractive rewards for not smoking – this includes current non-smokers.
- PSD, Outdoor Ed, Food Studies and PE curricula will include focus on healthy choices
- Neither students nor staff are allowed to consume fizzy or energy drinks at Releasing Potential. Any student doing so will not achieve the H in their SHAPE books for that session.