



High Storrs School

No Smoking Policy

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1. Introduction

This policy applies to all types of smoking including the use of E-cigarettes. High Storrs school has a duty to protect the health of its students, employees, service users and the public. Breathing other people's tobacco smoke damages individuals' health. The School is subject to the law, including the provisions of the Health Act 2006 which came into force on 1 July 2007.

High Storrs School also has a key role in promoting better health. Smoking related ill health is a major challenge for everyone and the School needs to be a model for others in terms of its efforts to champion smoke free environments and stopping smoking.

2. Aims of the Policy

- i) To ensure that the health and safety risks created by smoking are managed and that students, employees and others are not exposed to other people's tobacco smoke
- ii) To prevent smoking in the school and the surrounding area near the school by staff and students
- iii) To help and encourage employees who want to stop smoking achieve their goal
- iv) To comply with all the requirements of the smoke free law

3. Requirements of the Policy

- i) All buildings under the control of the Council are smoke free. No smoking is allowed either indoors or within substantially enclosed structures. No smoking rules will be enforced appropriately and will apply to students, employees, contractors, partners, service users and the public.
- ii) All Council owned, leased or hired vehicles must be smoke free.
- iii) Smoking is not permitted within courtyards, at entrance ways or in areas adjacent to buildings where smoke may be unpleasant for people passing or using that area or where the smell of smoke may affect others.
- v) There are no "smoking breaks". Where it is consistent with delivery of services then employees will be allowed to have time away from the workplace but this must be during authorised break times or lunchtime. Staff must, however, leave the perimeter of the site away from the school to avoid damage to the school's reputation.
- vi) Smoking is not permitted within the school buildings or within the perimeter of the school site.
- vii) All Council vehicles are smoke free. Employees driving their own cars for work purposes can smoke in their own vehicles but must not do so if carrying a passenger (student or member of staff) in the course of their work.
- viii) Guidance and support will be provided to employees wishing to stop smoking.

4. Setting a standard and a good example

High Storrs School requires all onsite contractors and partners to respect the Smoke Free Policy.

5. Union agreement

Sheffield City Council No Smoking Policy was tabled at the Corporate Joint Committee on 19th June 2007 and replaces the No Smoking Policy dated August 2005. The Policy was effective from 1 July 2007. This policy for High Storrs school mirrors the guidance given in this policy.

6. Smoking (and use of e-cigarettes) consequences for students:

Students caught smoking, vaping or handling smoking paraphernalia anywhere on the school site will receive a behaviour report and sanction from the sanctions ladder below.

Students caught smoking within the vicinity of the school are bringing the school into disrepute within its community, this may therefore receive the same sanction as smoking on school premises.

SANCTION LADDER:

1st offence: Warning and a letter home from House/Sixth form team.

2nd offence: School Detention and a letter home from House/Sixth form team.

3rd offence: 1 hour LT Detention, letter home from LT and a meeting for parents and student with Assistant Head (Behaviour and Safety or Sixth form)

4th offence: Half-day seclusion, letter home from the Head and a meeting for parents and student with the Head.

Throughout the sanctions applied students will be advised of the dangers of smoking and directed to seek cessation support.

Staff who catch students smoking (etc) will complete a behaviour report straight away and pass it to the House/Sixth form team.

House/Sixth form team will keep a record of where students are on the sanctions ladder and apply the appropriate next sanction.

Students with subsequent offences after 4 occasions, will be dealt with severely under the 'persistent refusal to follow instructions/school rules' pathway. This is likely to be on a case by case basis.