

Smoking Policy

Independent Day and Boarding School for Boys and Girls

Royal Hospital School

January 2010

Smoking

Scope

This policy has been authorised by the Governors and is available to parents and pupils on request. The policy relates to smoking and applies to all pupils at The Royal Hospital School (**School**). It applies at all times whether or not the pupil is in the care of the School. The procedures and sanctions may be adapted as appropriate to meet the policy aims and the circumstances of each case. Certain of the procedures can only be carried out during term time.

Philosophy

The Royal Hospital School is a non-smoking establishment. This policy is supported by the PSHE programme.

At all stages of entry into the School this policy is made available and when accepting a place it is implicit that the pupils and his/her parents enter into a contract to uphold and abide by the non-smoking ruling. It continues to apply when returning as a member of the Royal Hospital School Association and may also apply at times when a pupil is not in the care of the School. It will apply when pupils are at School, in School uniform or representing the School in some other way.

Action and Sanctions

If a pupil is caught smoking, or found in the company of another pupil who is smoking, or found in possession of smoking material, the following specific action will take place, but see also the section on smoking inside buildings and supplying tobacco.

First Offence

1. Senior House Staff should be informed. He/she will then write to parents and let them know about the offence.
2. The pupil and parents are reminded of their acceptance of the School smoking policy and are warned that continuance at the School is on the basis that the policy is adhered to.
3. Help is offered to the pupil to give up smoking by attending a voluntary course of cessation classes at a total cost of £50.

Second Offence

1. The Senior Master/Mistress should be informed and will write to parents informing them of the situation.
2. The pupil and parents are again reminded of their obligation and the smoking policy.
3. The pupil is gated for a period of one week.
4. Help is offered to the pupil to give up smoking by attending a voluntary course of cessation classes at a total cost of £50.

Third Offence

1. The Deputy Headmaster will be informed and will write to parents warning them of the consequences of a fourth offence.
2. The pupil will be placed on internal suspension for a period of one week.

3. Pupils will be strongly encouraged to give up smoking by attending a voluntary course of cessation classes at a total cost of £50.

Fourth Offence

The Headmaster will be informed and this is likely to be dealt with by an external suspension depending on the particular circumstances involved. For any further offences the pupil will be at risk of expulsion.

Cessation Classes

- The success of the policy depends on providing high quality cessation classes.
- These classes will be led by trained experts who will be facilitators and/or supporters of ex smokers.
- They will only be on a voluntary basis.
- They will consist of six 40 minute sessions over a period of 10 weeks during which time individual support will be available.
- Medical assistance will be available from the School Doctor.

Smoking inside School Buildings

Smoking inside the School teaching block and/or the boarding houses brings with it the additional risk of fire. The School views this to be a serious breach of the School Health and Safety policy and offenders should expect to be externally suspended irrespective of the other provisions of this policy.

Supplying Tobacco

Individuals who supply tobacco to other pupils are likely to be internally suspended depending on the particular circumstances involved.

Authorised by	Resolution of the Board of Governors
Date	20 January 2010

Effective date of the policy	20 January 2010
Circulation	Governors / all staff / parents / pupils on request