

Friday 5th February 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

From July 2007 the law in England with regard to smoking changed. All 'enclosed' and 'substantially enclosed' public places must be smoke free. This includes schools.

I would like to draw your attention to a couple of points from our updated Smoking Policy which can be found in full on our website.

- 1. The Governors have considered the introduction of a ban in the grounds of the school as well as the buildings.
 - An area where staff or visitors can smoke could have a detrimental impact on pupils and, on balance, the Governors have decided **NOT** to permit smoking in the grounds of the school.
- 2. Use of e-cigarettes by any member of staff, visitor or parent is **NOT** permitted in the school buildings or within the school grounds. Some models of e-cigarettes can, particularly from a distance, look like real cigarettes, making a smoking ban difficult to police and creating an impression for visitors and staff that it is acceptable to smoke.

I hope that you can understand the importance and relevance of these points and that all staff, parents and visitors will abide by them. Anyone found to be in breach of these rules will be asked to leave the school site.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

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