



Health & Safety Smoke/eCigarette Free Policy

Policy reviewed: *Spring 2026*
Policy valid until: *Spring 2029*
Policy owned by: *The Headteacher*

Headteacher: *H Wilkinson*

For and on behalf of the Governing Body: *[Signature]*

Policy status

Recommended, with review every two years.

Consultation

This policy was established and reviewed by the all school staff in consultation with the governing body.

Rationale

- A smoke free school provides an environment that protects and promotes the health and well-being of the entire school community
- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of ill-health in our society and passive smoking has been shown to cause lung cancer and other serious illnesses in non-smokers
- Being a smoke free school reinforces our commitment to the Conwy Healthy Schools scheme's philosophy of adopting a whole school approach to smoking issues and reinforces messages learnt in the classroom with policy and practice
- Young people are more likely to start smoking if they see adults smoking
- Pupils, staff and visitors have the right to a healthy smoke free environment

Purpose

To ensure a healthy smoke free environment at Ysgol St George in accordance with Welsh Government legislation and Conwy County Council's policy on smoking in the workplace

Legislative requirement

- Smoking is not allowed anywhere within the buildings and the grounds of our school, ***twenty four hours a day, seven days a week***
- Smoke free signs must be displayed at all entrances to the school grounds and at every outer entrance to the building (or enclosed areas forming part of the school premises)
- Smoking is not permitted in any commercial vehicle transporting pupils on school journeys
- Smoking is not permitted in vehicles being used to transport pupils and/or staff to and from school events (this includes private vehicles if being used on official school business, eg transporting pupils/staff to training events)
- Anyone smoking on school premises will be reminded of the school policy and if they refuse to comply will be asked to leave the premises

Commitment to a smoke free environment

We will promote our commitment to providing a smoke free environment by:

- Informing parents of our smoke free policy, (which includes the use of e-cigarettes/vapes)
- Advising contractors and others working within our school's premises of our smoke free policy
- Ensuring that organisations/individuals using school facilities agree to comply with our smoke free policy
- Giving new members of staff a copy of the policy which will become part of their contract of employment
- Promoting all school activities outside of our school's premises as smoke free, eg field trips, sporting events etc
- Supporting our smoking staff to quit
- Providing pupils with educational programmes on smoking so that they understand the benefits of not smoking
- Encouraging pupils to participate in Welsh Government initiatives to promote not smoking (eg Smokebugs etc)
- Taking opportunities to participate in appropriate educational initiatives to promote not smoking

Arrangements for policy monitoring and evaluation

This will be reviewed every two years