

Longdean School



Smoking Policy

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Policy Statement

This policy protects all employees, students and visitors from exposure to secondhand smoke and complies with the Health Act 2006.

Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure.

Policy

- Longdean is a non-smoking site.
- Students are not permitted to smoke on site or on the way to or from school.

All our workplaces, including classrooms, laboratories, offices, rest rooms and all enclosed places are smoke free as all employees and students have the right to work in a smoke free environment. Similarly, smoking will not be permitted on any part of the school site. This came into effect on Sunday 1 July 2007.

Smoking is prohibited in all enclosed and substantially enclosed premises in the workplace, as well as the rest of the school site.

This includes school minibuses, buses and coaches. This policy applies to all governors, employees, students, consultants, contractors and visitors.

Implementation

Overall responsibility for policy implementation and review rests with the Headteacher. All staff are obliged to adhere to and support the implementation of the policy. All existing governors, employees, consultants and contractors shall be informed of the policy and their role in its implementation and monitoring. All new personnel will be given a copy of the policy on recruitment/induction.

Appropriate 'no-smoking' signs will be clearly displayed at entrances and within the premises and in all school vehicles.

Non-compliance

Local disciplinary procedures will be followed if anyone does not comply with this policy. Those who do not comply with the smoke free law may be subject to further action.

Sanctions for students caught smoking or in the possession of cigarettes, lighters or paraphernalia pertaining to smoking, or caught in an area with others smoking

- Parents will be informed
- The incident will be recorded
- Students will be informed about the health and legal implications of smoking

- Students will attend a Saturday detention
- Students will receive a sanction of Internal Exclusion, including community service for repeat offences
- Students that continue to disregard the rules may receive a fixed term exclusion for a period up to 5 days

ANNEX A

Help to stop smoking

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. Visit www.gosmokefree.co.uk or call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 1690 169 for details. Alternatively you can text 'GIVE UP' and your full postcode to 88088 to find your local NHS Stop Smoking Service.