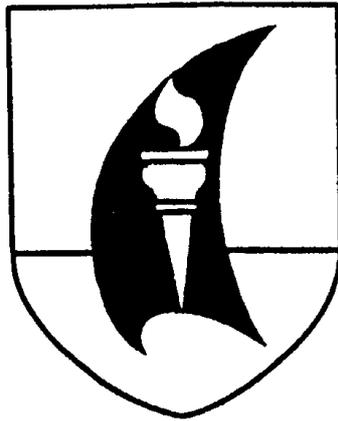


CRAIGAVON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Non Smoking Policy

Created: October 2018

Review Date: October 2019

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1. Value Statement

Craigavon Senior High School seeks to create a safe and caring environment for all pupils and staff. The school is committed to encouraging and promoting a healthy lifestyle and as such providing a smoke free environment for all.

2. Legislation

Legislation was introduced to Northern Ireland in 2007 to outlaw smoking in public places, workplaces and work vehicles. Smoking in a designated smoke free environment may incur a fixed penalty notice of £50 for the person smoking, or a maximum fine of £1,000 if prosecuted and convicted by a court.

In addition, The Health & Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 places a responsibility on employers to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare at work of their employees and others who use their premises.

3. Aims of the Policy

The aims of the policy are:

- To enable all pupils and staff to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge and challenging attitudes towards smoking.
- To provide a healthy smoke-free environment for all staff, pupils and visitors.
- To provide a programme of teaching and learning to improve understanding of the health risks associated with smoking.
- To monitor pupil involvement in smoking in order to inform school programmes for prevention.
- To provide information for parents/carers to assist them in helping their son/daughter from smoking.
- To have clear procedures for dealing with anyone found smoking. To ensure the procedures are consistent and clearly understood.
- To ensure that pupils, staff, parents/carers and visitors are informed about the school's policy and procedures relating to smoking.
- To offer strategies to support those who wish to stop.
- To comply with current legislation on smoking.

4. Definition of Smoking.

“Smoking” refers to smoking tobacco or anything which contains tobacco, smoking electronic cigarettes or smoking any other substance. Smoking includes being in possession of any tobacco products, electronic cigarettes or materials associated with smoking (tobacco related or electronic cigarette related).

5. Agreed Code of Conduct for the School Community

6.1 Pupils

All pupils have the right to learn in an environment which is safe, healthy and smoke free. They have a responsibility to respect the rights of others to learn or work in a healthy smoke free environment.

Smoking is prohibited within the school buildings and grounds, during school trips, work experience placement, Occupational Studies courses at FE College, on the way to school and home from school and at any time whilst in school uniform.

6.2 Parents/ Carers

Parents/ carers have the right to expect that their child will be educated in an environment which is safe, healthy and smoke free. They have a responsibility to ensure their child complies with the school's 'No Smoking' policy and to support the school in applying the sanctions as set out in the 'No Smoking' policy.

6.3 Teachers and Support Staff

Teachers and support staff have the right to work in a safe and healthy environment which is free from cigarette smoke. They have a responsibility to contribute to the creation of such an environment, to act as positive role models and to work for the well-being of all pupils. Staff are not permitted to smoke within the school buildings, grounds or vehicles.

7. Sanctions

Pupil sanctions:

On all occasions the confiscation and destruction of all smoking related materials – including cigarettes, filters, papers, loose tobacco, electronic cigarettes, lighters, matches, electronic cigarettes, vaping liquid and any materials associated with vaping. If a pupil fails to comply they will become subject to the range of sanctions as set out in the school's code of conduct.

Smoking is a serious breach of school rules and will not be tolerated. Smoking outside school in uniform brings the school into disrepute and sanctions will be issued appropriately.

Caught smoking first time – parent/carer informed and a school detention issued. The pupil will be asked to sign a contract confirming they will not smoke in school.

Caught second time – parent/carer informed and pupil placed in Principal's detention on a Friday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.00 pm. For Year 12 pupils who attend Work Placement on a Friday, Principal's detention will take place on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.30 to 5.00 pm.

Caught subsequently – this is a serious situation due to the persistent infringement of school rules and ongoing defiance. The pupil will be internally suspended from normal lessons for one day. A parent/carer will be informed. Other sanctions may be issued including, full school suspension.

Name of Policy	No smoking
Name of lead member of staff	R Kirkwood
Ratified by Board of Governors - date	
Date of next planned review	
Chair's Signature	