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# Smoke Free Policy

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This policy applies to all types of smoking including the use of E-cigarettes. The Lowry Academy has a duty to protect the health of its students, employees, service users and the public. Breathing other people's smoke is a health hazard and damages an individual's health. The Academy is subject to the law, including the provisions of the Health Act 2006 which came into force on 1 July 2007.

The Lowry Academy also has a key role in promoting better health. Smoking related ill health is a major challenge for everyone and the Academy needs to positively model its efforts to champion smoke free environments and stopping smoking.

**For the purposes of this policy, smoking is taken to include all use of legal tobacco products, herbal substitutes and vaping.**

### **Aims of the Policy**

- To ensure that the health and safety risks created by smoking are managed and that students, employees and others are not exposed to other people's smoke
- To prevent all forms of smoking in the school and surrounding area near the school by students and staff
- To protect non-smokers from the adverse health effects of environmental tobacco smoke in the workplace
- To provide information, advice and guidance for those who wish to stop smoking
- To inform students of the law relating to smoking
- To ensure that all students understand the effects and potential dangers of smoking
- To communicate to parents the Academy's stance on smoking.

### **Requirements of the Policy**

The Lowry Academy site is an entirely smoke free environment. Smoking, including the use of Ecigarettes, together with liquid nicotine and similar appliances is not permitted within the Academy buildings or within the perimeter of the Academy's site (see Appendix A). This includes Academy events held outside normal school hours, or at any time when a student is wearing the Academy's uniform, regardless of location, including travelling to or from the Academy.

This policy applies to staff, students, parents, visitors, contractors, partners, service users and the public when they are on the Academy's site.

Smoking is not permitted within courtyards, at entrance ways or in areas adjacent to buildings where smoke may be unpleasant for people passing or using that area or where the smell of smoke may affect others.

Organisations and clubs who use the Academy's premises outside of school hours are expected to adhere to the Academy's Smoke Free Policy.

All transport provided by the Academy must be smoke free.

All staff and volunteers who accompany students on off-site activities must not smoke in front of students or on the transport used for the activity.

## **Setting a standard and a good example**

### **Staff and Volunteers:**

All staff must have a clear and detailed understanding of the damage that smoking and second hand smoke can do to health and have responsibility in the promotion of non-smoking to students.

The Academy views the role of members of staff as crucial in discouraging students from smoking.

Breaches of this policy will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

### **Contractors, Visitors and Other Users of the Academy Site:**

All contractors, parents, visitors and users of the Academy site will be informed of the Academy's Smoke Free Policy on signing in at Reception and are not permitted to smoke anywhere on site.

Signage will act as a reminder.

Breaches of the Academy's Smoke Free Policy by contractors should be reported to MITIE via the site manager.

Persistent breach will be followed by exclusion from site.

### **Consequences for students**

If a student who is in the possession of or is using tobacco or e-cigarettes, e.g. they are smoking on the playground, or they have an e-cigarette in their pocket they will:

- have the cigarettes/e-cigarette/accessories confiscated.
- be placed in the reflection room for 24 hours

In all cases parents will be informed.

N.B. Students caught smoking within the vicinity of the Academy are bringing the Academy into disrepute within its community, this may therefore receive the same sanction as smoking on Academy premises.

If a student refuses to hand over the prohibited items they may face further sanctions including off-site directions or suspensions.

### **Help to stop smoking**

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. Visit [www.nhs.uk/smokefree](http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree) or call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0300 123 1044 for details.

### **Monitoring, Evaluation and Review**

The Principal will ensure that all staff take responsibility for implementing and regularly monitoring students, staff and other adults using the Academy site to ensure compliance.

The Principal and relevant member of the Senior Leadership Team will review and monitor the tutorial programme and PSHE curriculum to ensure that they are providing education on the dangers of smoking and second hand tobacco smoke, including E-cigarettes, together with liquid nicotine and similar appliances emphasising the benefits of not smoking.

The Academy acknowledges that smoking is an addiction and will ensure that adequate support will be made available to those who want to quit.

The Governing Body will review this policy and assess its implementation and effectiveness regularly. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the Academy.

This policy is available on the Academy website and is referred to within the Staff Handbook.

## Appendix A

### The Lowry Academy Smoke Free Policy



The Academy's Smoke Free Policy applies to all types of smoking including the use of e-cigarettes. The Lowry Academy has a duty to protect the health of its students, employees, service users and the public. Breathing other people's tobacco smoke damages individuals' health. The Academy is subject to the law, including the provision of the Health Act 2006 which came into force on 1 July 2007. Smoking (and the use of e-cigarettes) consequences for student:

- Students caught smoking, vaping or handling smoking paraphernalia anywhere on the Academy site will receive a sanction from the Smoke Free Policy's sanctions ladder
- Students caught smoking **within the vicinity of the Academy** are bringing the Academy into disrepute within its community; this may therefore receive the same sanction as smoking on Academy premises.

The blue line on this map serves to define the vicinity of the Academy in order to provide a clear definition for staff, students, parents and members of the public.

The Smoke Free Policy is available to read in full on the school website.

