



York Steiner School

Tobacco and Smoking Policy

STATEMENT

The teachers and staff are aware of the health and dependency implications of smoking and seek to educate students accordingly.

The teachers in conjunction with the parents will seek to promote healthy alternatives to smoking and other drug use.

The teachers and staff support an education and disciplinary approach to the issue of smoking

The school will use subject lessons, assemblies, and informal discussions to address issues surrounding smoking and other drug use.

RULES

The school has a clear set of guidelines and they are communicated to the students, parents and all staff appropriately.

Pupils may not smoke, possess, purchase or supply tobacco at school or during school functions.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the school buildings and grounds.

DISCIPLINE

If a child is caught smoking at school the following procedure will be instigated:

First Offence:

- Immediate suspension and Class Teacher and Parents/Guardians to be informed.
- Any tobacco found at school will be confiscated by the teacher on duty.
- A meeting is arranged between the pupil, the parents and the class teacher as soon as possible after the incident.
- A contract is agreed between parties regarding smoking.
- A warning of expulsion may be given.
- A written record of the incident and agreements reached is placed in the pupil's file. Parents also receive a copy.

Second Offence

- The pupil is again suspended.

Consideration will be given to exclusion at the discretion of the School Management Group in consultation with the Education Mandate.

Review & Approval

This policy has been approved by the Board of Trustees on 3rd March 2016

Policy review date: February 2020