

# BANK VIEW HIGH SCHOOL



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## ANTI - SMOKING POLICY

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## 1 Aims

Bank View High School regards itself as a health-promoting organisation and as such seeks to:

- Protect the staff, children and young people and visitors from the effects of tobacco smoke.
- Provide a healthy environment for employees and students.
- Acknowledge the educational role of the organisation in discouraging children and young people from starting to smoke.
- Help smokers to quit.
- Provide a positive role model in relation to smoking, which is consistent with the taught curriculum.

## 2 Introduction

- Bank View High School has been a designated non-smoking site. This policy identifies how Bank View High School will continue to maintain a smoke free environment within the school premises for the benefit of students, staff, visitors, parents and carers, as well as members of the public.
- Bank View High School will continue to encourage and support students not to smoke through PSHCE.

## 3 Policy Strategy

The school is designated a no-smoking site and everyone involved with the school community is expected to adhere to the Anti-Smoking Policy. Those groups are:

- Employees.
- Student Teachers.
- Students.
- Voluntary Helpers.
- Governors.
- Visitors.
- Contractors working on site.
- Individuals using the leisure facilities.

- Individuals attending an outside letting.
- Individuals attending a social event.

In accordance with the School's Anti-smoking Policy, the following will apply:

### Students

- Students are not allowed to smoke at school or whilst engaged in any off-site activity.
- Students should not smoke whilst travelling to or from school.

### Staff

- Staff are recognised 'role models' and as such are required not to smoke in sight of students. This will include visits, school excursions etc and include both teaching and non-teaching staff.
- This spirit of this policy will also apply to employees whilst exercising direct responsibility for students on off-site activities, eg in the school mini-bus, school fixtures etc.

### Visitors

- The Anti-smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school, including suppliers, supply or temporary staff and contractors.

### Parents and Carers

- It will be requested that parents and carers adhere to the Anti-smoking policy and refrain from smoking on the school grounds.

### Events

- The school's Anti-smoking policy applies to all social events.
- Where events are booked by outside agencies, all parties are to be made aware of the school's Anti-smoking policy.

## 4 Students who are found smoking on school grounds

- Any student found smoking on the school premises will be placed into a general detention.
- A letter will be sent home to parents/carers by the Year Head/Form Tutor to inform them that their child has been caught smoking on the school premises on a

school excursion or on the way to or from school. The letter will explain the circumstances and the school's view of smoking.

- If a student is caught repeatedly smoking on the school premises, parents may be required to attend an interview and further sanctions may be used eg withdrawal of breaks and lunchtimes. Exclusion may be considered for persistent offenders.

## 5 Implementation and Enforcement of the Policy

- With effect from 1 April 2006 complete prohibition on smoking in all parts of the school premises will be applied.
- Members of the senior leadership team will be responsible for the promotion and maintenance of a smoke free environment.

## 6 Communicating the Policy

- Parents are to be made aware of any changes to the school's Anti-smoking policy through newsletters and other normal means of communication.
- New staff will be informed of the Anti-smoking policy at recruitment.
- Clearly worded signs will be sited to inform visitors that the premises are smoke-free.
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.
- Information will be included in the school prospectus and on the website to inform prospective students, parents and carers of the Anti-smoking policy.