



Anti- smoking policy

Relationship to School Mission/Aims

In keeping with our vision of a safe, healthy school, we aim to make Bush Post Primary a smoke free campus. We aim to ensure that students, visitors and staff do not smoke in the school grounds and buildings. The policy aims to promote the health of all members of the school community and is in accordance with current legislation.

Rationale:

- Smoking in schools is banned under current legislation
- Education about the negative impacts on health of smoking is part of our SPHE programme at Junior Cycle.
- We are encouraging students to make healthy lifestyle choices.
- Smoking is incompatible with our status as a Green School.

Policy Content:

- No member of the school community may smoke in the school buildings or grounds which includes the associated athletic track and the front of the school. This also included e cigarettes
- Students who are smoking, or are in an area of the school grounds in the company of those who are smoking, or are smoking in school uniform, will be considered to have violated the policy.
- The policy also applies when students are engaged in extra-curricular activities, on school tours or other school-related activities.

Sanctions for students:

- All smoking materials / e cigarettes will be confiscated.
- Detention will usually take place at lunchtime each day and if warranted between 3.40-4.40pm on Friday afternoon. Advance notice will be given to parents/guardians to arrange collection at 4.40pm.
- A note will be entered in the diary and a letter, accompanied by a copy of this policy, will be

sent to the student's parent(s)/guardian(s). A return slip will be signed by a parent/guardian and brought back to the principal/deputy principal.

- During detention, students will be given material to read and assignments to do, linked to the issue of smoking- related health risks and techniques for quitting smoking. Alternatively, students will be given a research project to complete during a session in a computer room.
- Students will be provided with contact details/web addresses etc. for organisations that help smokers to quit.
- Repeated violation of the code may lead to further detentions and suspension. A student may also be refused permission to attend school trips or events such as sports day and Bushfactor.

Roles and responsibilities:

- All members of the school community will abide by the policy.
- Parents are expected to support the policy.
- Staff and management will enforce the policy.

Ratified at the Board of Management meeting on Tuesday 2nd June 2015