



## Cheltenham College Smoking Policy

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to discourage and prevent smoking by pupils. The College aims to provide smoking prevention education. There are sanctions for pupils who smoke while in the care of the College.

### Implementation of the Policy

- **Prevention through education**

A comprehensive programme of smoking prevention education is provided through timetabled sessions of PSHCE and lectures. This includes the health and legal aspects of smoking with a strong emphasis on the development of responsible attitudes and informed decision-making. The College has a dedicated member of staff who offers support to those wanting to give up smoking. The Medical Centre can also offer support and prescribe nicotine replacement products.

- **Disciplinary procedure**

A member of staff who considers a pupil to have been smoking or to be in possession of smoking materials (including liquid fuels) should immediately report the situation to the pupil's Housemaster or Housemistress.

The following sanctions apply:-

Level 1	Smoking outdoors	First Offence	E mail/ letter to parents from Housemaster/ mistress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday night detention</li> </ul>
Level 2	Smoking outdoors	Second Offence within the same academic year	E mail/ letter to parents from Housemaster/ mistress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday night detention</li> <li>• 1 week's House Gating</li> </ul>
Level 3	Smoking indoors or adjacent to College buildings. Importing of cigarettes or purchase for supply	First offence if indoors or any further offence beyond level 2	E mail/ letter to parents from Deputy Headmaster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deputy Head's caution: See Deputy Head who will decide on appropriate sanction</li> </ul>

Further offences could lead to suspension, or a punishment in the College deemed to be equivalent to a suspension, or, in extreme instances, expulsion. A pupil in the presence of another pupil or pupils who are smoking will be regarded as having committed a smoking offence and will be liable to the same sanctions.

Those wanting to give up smoking will be offered support.

- **Record keeping and consistency**

The Housemaster/Housemistress (Deputy Head for Level 3) keeps a record of all incidents and subsequent punishments together with copies of letters to parents.

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