



BILBOROUGH
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Smoking And Vaping Policy

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1. Introduction and context

- 1.1 Bilborough College recognises the right of all to a smoke/vapour free environment. It must, therefore, ensure that everyone is protected from the dangers of smoke/vapour in work and rest areas.
- 1.2 With the introduction of the Smoke Free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006, smoking became illegal in enclosed public places. It is also an offence to knowingly permit smoking in enclosed public places. Bilborough College is responsible for monitoring adherence to this policy and has responsibility for ensuring compliance with the law.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 This policy aims to:
 - Support a healthy working environment.
 - Be compliant with smoking and vaping regulations.
 - Encourage students who already smoke or vape to stop or reduce this activity and to avoid college being a place where people start smoking or vaping.

3. Scope

- 3.1 **Permission:** Smoking and/or vaping is not permitted outside of the designated area.
- 3.2 **Rationale:** This is because smoking and vaping represent a health and safety risk as they expose others to passive smoke and vape fumes. Smoking is also a significant fire risk.
- 3.3 **Sanctions:** Students caught smoking / vaping on the campus or on college buses will be dealt with via our Student Disciplinary Policy and/or confiscation. The selling and supplying of cigarettes and vapes is considered as seriously as the selling and supplying of drugs and may result in exclusion from college. Please note: items confiscated will be destroyed. Parents/carers may be contacted.

4. Signage and Vape Detection

- 4.1 Appropriate 'No Smoking/Vaping' signs are displayed at all the entrances to the College premises and toilets. Toilets will be monitored by a vape detector.

5. Compliance with the Policy

- 5.1 Bilborough College staff and students are responsible for ensuring that the whole college community comply with its requirements. All concerns should be reported to a member of the safeguarding team/student support or SLT.

6. Support for those that smoke

- 6.1 Help and advice on how to stop smoking can be found on the following website www.nhs.uk/smokefree/help-and-advice/support or to speak to student support who can offer support and advice.