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**Smoking**

LVS operates a no smoking policy at all times. This includes the smoking of tobacco, or tobacco substitute devices or alternatives, such as e-cigarettes, APVs - Advanced Personal Vaporisers (vapes) - or any shisha devices, regardless or not of the absence of smoke, nicotine, tar or tobacco.

**Action against those caught smoking on site (and on all trips)**

All pupils determined to have been smoking tobacco, using e-cigarettes, APVs, or a shisha device, on the LVS campus will be subject to sanctions. For a first offence, this will likely be a

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Period of External Reflection to clearly signal the seriousness of the offence. In addition, they will be subject to specific education under the Smoking Education Programme.

### **Dealing with those smoking off site**

Pupils will be made aware that smoking near to school or during school time reflects badly on the school and therefore we have an obligation to act, not only to discourage smoking but also to uphold the school's good name. Those found to have smoked off site in school time together with those found to have smoked off site and who are considered as being under the care of the school, will also be subject to sanctions.

### **Continued offences**

The pupil's continued disobedience will be treated as a breach of school rules and he/she will be dealt with by the Principal.

For a further offence of a pupil determined to have been smoking tobacco, using e-cigarettes, APVs, or a shisha device, on the LVS campus, the withdrawal of that pupil's place at the school will automatically be considered in line with our Exclusions Policy.

### **Notes**

Pupils are to be discouraged from smoking, therefore sanctions may vary slightly depending on circumstances. Sanctions may vary according to age. Flagrant disobedience will not be tolerated, but it must be possible for pupils to reform. In most cases, it should be possible for pupils to get a fresh start after a sufficient interval.

Suspicion of smoking is enough to ask pupils to turn out their pockets. Refusal to do so indicates guilt. Possession of tobacco, cigarette papers, E-liquid and smoking/vaping paraphernalia, such as lighters, matches and any vaping accessories also indicates culpability and the individual(s) will be subject to sanctions.

### **Smoking Education Programme**

#### **Rationale for smoking education**

Smoking remains relatively common in our society. Children and young people will come into contact with smoking throughout their lifetime. LVS recognises its obligation to educate its pupils so that they are prepared for life in a society in which smoking is commonplace.

#### **Aims of smoking education**

LVS aims to equip pupils with the information, skills and attitudes that will enable them to make informed, healthy choices to prevent or reduce the harmful consequences of smoking.

#### **Objectives**

To:

- Provide accurate information to pupils about smoking, the law relating to them and LVS school rules
- Increase understanding about the implications and consequences of smoking
- Provide opportunities to examine attitudes to smoking

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- Promote the development of personal and social skills relating to health behaviour and provide the opportunity to practice them
- Enable young people to identify appropriate sources of personal support
- Develop and maintain pupils' self esteem

### **Staff with key responsibility for smoking education**

The Assistant Head – Head of Boarding (as Head of LVS Life Learning) is responsible for the implementation, coordination, and delivery and monitoring of the smoking programme at LVS Ascot.

### **Smoking education delivery**

Drugs' education is delivered within the framework of the LVS Life Learning programme. In addition to specific information about smoking, LVS advocates the development of a positive, health-promoting ethos to encourage self-esteem, which will help pupils cope more effectively.

Smoking education will be provided by tutors within a structured LVS Life Learning programme at KS3, 4 & 5.

Pupils wishing to stop smoking/vaping should seek advice/guidance from the Health and Well-Being Centre (HAWC).