



**Longfield**Academy

## **Vaping & E-Cigarettes Policy**

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# Vaping & E-Cigarettes Policy

Longfield Academy aims to prevent the use of e-cigarettes and other vaping devices by students on school grounds and in the local community. This section of the policy is designed to promote a healthy and safe environment for students and staff, as well as to comply with legal regulations regarding tobacco and nicotine use in educational settings. The guidance below is an outline of components that we have included in our vaping policy for Longfield Academy.

- Vaping and the use of e-cigarettes are strictly prohibited on the academy premises, including buildings, grounds, and surrounding areas.
- Vaping is defined as inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or other tobacco or nicotine product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form.

## Prevention

- The academy will use its right to search students should we suspect anyone carrying a vape or vaping equipment on them.
- Multiple students are not allowed to go into toilet cubicles together – only one student is allowed in the toilet cubicles at any time. The academy will issue an internal exclusion to students who go into a toilet cubicle in pairs or in groups.
- **Education and awareness:** Students who have been involved in vaping will be given a programme to educate them about the dangers of vaping, the risks associated with nicotine addiction, and the academy's policy regarding vaping. Students are also taught about vaping and its effects as part of the PSHE program. This is covered through PSHE lessons (KS3), tutor time and assemblies.
- **Student support:** The academy will provide support for students who may be struggling with nicotine addiction or substance abuse issues. This could include counselling services or referrals to external support organisations.
- **Signage:** The academy will display signs in prominent locations throughout the school reminding students and visitors of the vaping policy.
- **Legal compliance:** This vaping policy complies with local/national laws and regulations regarding tobacco and nicotine use in educational settings.
- **Review and updates:** The academy will regularly review and update the vaping policy as needed to address emerging trends, new regulations, and changing circumstances related to vaping and e-cigarette use.

## Consequences

- If a student(s) brings a vape or vaping equipment onto the academy site, they will be given a fixed term suspension (one day).
- If, on the balance of probabilities, it is found that a student(s) has been vaping on the academy site, they will be given a fixed term suspension (two days).
- If, on the balance of probabilities, it is found that a student(s) has been vaping in the local community, they will be given a fixed term suspension (one day).
- Repeat offences may result in escalated consequences.