



ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

POLICY ON SMOKING

Introduction

For the purposes of this policy, the term 'smoking' encompasses electronic smoking devices and vapour devices as well as tobacco smoking.

St Catherine's College aims to provide a safe, clean, and healthy environment for its staff, students and visitors.

Smoking has already been prohibited in many areas of the College for some considerable time, but in line with legislative changes the College is required to extend this prohibition more widely. Accordingly, and after consultation, the College has produced this policy which is intended to provide arrangements to ensure compliance with legislation. Under the Health Act 2006 and regulations made under it there are offences of 'smoking in a smoke-free place' and of 'failing to prevent smoking in a smoke-free place'. Both will be subject to fines.

Under the Act, and for the purpose of this policy, "smoking" refers to smoking tobacco or anything which contains tobacco, or smoking any other substance. Smoking includes being in possession of lit tobacco or of anything lit which includes tobacco, or being in possession of any other lit substance in a form in which it could be smoked. The term "passive smoking" means the inhalation of tobacco smoke by a person or persons other than the smoker.

Policy

- Smoking is prohibited in all internal areas within the College.
- The College will provide signage in accordance with The Smoke-free (Signs) Regulations 2012.
- Smoking is prohibited in all vehicles owned by the College.
- The JCR Garden and the area to the rear of the Bernard Sunley Building are set aside as general designated smoking areas for students, and visitors to the College. Ashtrays are provided in these designated smoking areas and are maintained by the College. It is the responsibility of students using the designated smoking areas to assist the College by keeping those areas tidy.
- Members of staff are prohibited from smoking in any area of the College other than outside the back door to the JCR Bar and behind the hedge between the JCR Garden from the Merton Playing Field terrace. Smoking in the JCR Garden itself is not permitted.
- If a member of staff encounters someone (another member of staff, student, conference delegate, visitor, contractor, etc) who is breaching the terms of this policy, they should politely explain the College's policy on smoking and request that the individual concerned does not continue to smoke unless in a designated area. If the individual refuses, the member of staff should report the incident to their manager as soon as possible and ask for their assistance.
- The College hopes that smokers will respect the above measures and adopt a responsible attitude towards the policy and the law. They should be aware that breaches will be dealt with under the law and, where the smoker is a member of the College or a member of College staff, the College's disciplinary procedures.
- The College will review this policy regularly taking into account developments in the law and practice, and will publish any amendments. The policy may be amended at any time at the College's sole discretion.

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