

Cefn Saeson Comprehensive School

Ysgol Gyfun Cefn Saeson

**Anti Smoking/Vaping Policy
2026-2027**



Approved by Governors	14 th September 2026
Headteacher	Ms C Jones
Chair of Governors	Mr S John

Why do we need a no-smoking/vaping policy?

At Cefn Saeson School we value the health and welfare of all within our community. Research shows that almost a quarter of all young people are regular smokers by the age of 15. Almost all adult smokers took up the habit when they were children. It is estimated that 450 children a day take up the habit. The medical profession regard smoking as the major cause of many illnesses. It is estimated that approximately 114,000 smokers a year die in the UK because of their smoking habit. People can be harmed by second-hand smoke, i.e. by inhaling smoke from other people's cigarettes.

There is good research available that shows that vaping, once considered a healthier alternative to smoking, does more damage to the lung; particularly the young lung, due to the temperature of the steam and the chemicals in the additives within the vaping solution. Figures from the School Health Research Network show that 20% of young people from year 7 to year 11 say they've tried vaping, with 5% of secondary school pupils in Wales vaping at least once a week.

This school acknowledges that smoking and breathing other people's tobacco smoke is both a public health hazard and a health issue and therefore has decided to establish and develop a No Smoking Policy.

This Policy aims to:-

- provide an environment where good health is promoted for all
- highlight to all who use this school site that it is a 'smoke and vape free' environment
- enable the school to tackle smoking/vaping-related issues
- raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke and reinforce the school's health education programme
- satisfy Section 2(2)(e) of the Health and Safety at Work Etc. Act 1974, which places a duty on employers to provide a working environment for employees that is '*safe, without risks to health, and adequate as regards facilities and arrangements for their welfare at work.*'
- take account of the needs of those who are addicted to smoking/vaping and to offer an avenue of support for those who wish to stop.
- Adhere to Welsh Government advice from 2023 which states that **no one under 18 should be vaping.**

School environment

- The school site is an entirely smoke/vape free environment. Smoking/vaping is not permitted on the school grounds or in the school buildings including toilets, corridors, staff rooms, car parks and playing fields.

- This policy applies to staff, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors when they are on the school site.
- Signs will be put up to remind all visitors of the school's smoke/vape free policy.
- Smoking/vaping is not permitted anywhere in the school grounds or buildings at any time. This includes school events held outside normal school hours.
- Organisations and clubs who use the school premises outside of school hours are expected to adhere to the school's No Smoking/Vaping Policy.
- Teachers, parent helpers and staff are expected to refrain from smoking/vaping on all school trips.
- The school will support National No Smoking Day.
- The school will liaise with Trading Standards re: encouraging pupils to apply for a proof of age card.

Shops surrounding the school site should be reminded not to sell cigarettes to pupils in uniform. Any concerns with local premises should be reported to Trading Standards Service on 01639 763333.

Securing Compliance

Staff

- The teaching staff and governors must have a clear and detailed understanding of the damage that cigarette smoking and second hand smoke does to health and are also aware of the nature of tobacco addiction.
- Staff and the PHSE/RSE Co-ordinator will ensure smoking-related topics are adequately incorporated into class teaching for each Key Stage.
- Where possible, staff should link up with the wider community and are encouraged to use the knowledge and materials of outside agencies
- Activities around smoking in schools should compliment a community-wide programme of action. Messages should be consistent with and support each other.
- Staff are not permitted to smoke or vape anywhere on the school site.
- Staff will not smoke or vape in front of pupils during educational visits.
- All staff will be provided with a copy of this policy and new staff will be alerted to the existence of the smoke free environment at interview.
- Breaches of this policy will be subject to the normal disciplinary procedures.

Pupils

If a pupil is caught smoking or vaping the following series of actions will be taken:-

1. The pupils will be told to stop smoking or vaping and will be taken to PAWB for action. The incident will be recorded as a safeguarding concern. A phone call will be made to parents and an appropriate sanction will be given
2. Pupils caught violating school smoking/vaping rules may be subject to closer supervision, particularly if there is a repetition of refusal to comply with the schools smoking policy.
3. Vapes will be confiscated and not returned to pupils

Parents and Adult Helpers

- Parents/adult helpers will be reminded annually that the school site is a smoke free environment. Smoking/vaping is NOT PERMITTED AT ANYTIME on school premises/grounds
- Adequate signage will act as a reminder.
- Parents/adult helpers will be asked to refrain from smoking/vaping when assisting on any school trips/events.
- Breaches of the school's No Smoking Policy by contractors should be reported to the Head Teacher.

Contractors, Visitors and Other Users of the School Site

- All contractors, visitors and users of the school site must be informed of the school's No Smoking/Vaping Policy on signing in at reception and are not permitted to smoke anywhere on the school site.
- Adequate signage will act as a reminder.
- Breaches of the school's No Smoking Policy by contractors should be reported to the relevant company via the Head Teacher.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

- This policy has been devised in full consultation with pupils, staff, health professionals and governors.
- The governors and leadership team will ensure that all staff take responsibility for implementing and regularly monitoring pupils, staff and other adults using the school site to ensure compliance. Overall responsibility for this policy ultimately rests with the Head Teacher.
- The school acknowledges that smoking is an addiction and will ensure that adequate support will be made available to those who want to quit through the intervention of appropriate outside agencies.
- The Governing Body will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

Adopted by the Governing Body on 14th September 2026

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Chair Signature