



## **Rashid School for Boys**

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# **Tobacco Free School Policy (Anti-smoking policy)**

### **► Policy Summary**

The policy outlines the strategies used to discourage the use of tobacco within the school.

It also shows how the curriculum is used to inform students about the hazards of tobacco use and shows the sanctions that are in place in smoking or tobacco products are found in school.

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## **Introduction**

Smoking damaged people's health and we discourage smoking within the school. We aim to give our students the knowledge to say 'No' to smoking in school, outside the school and in later life. The school's rule is very clear: No student should have pipes, cigarettes, tobacco, e-cigarettes or a lighter with them at school at any time.

## **Government of Dubai: Tobacco Free Dubai**

Rashid School for Boys are active members of the project *Tobacco Free Dubai*. We work closely with Rashid Hospital and the Dubai Health Authority to inform students about the hazards of smoking and how they can stop if they have become addicted.

## **Curriculum**

Smoking and tobacco use is included in both the Science curriculum in Key Stage 3, (Years 7 to 9) and also through the Health Strand of the PHSE curriculum. The coordinator of the Health strand is responsible for working with the School Nurse and Science Department to ensure that students are well informed. The curriculum includes both the dangers of smoking and strategies for dealing with peer pressure.

## **The School Nurses**

Our nurses are an important link in the 'tobacco free' policy. They will give advice to students and can, with parental consent, test students for CO levels.

## **Sanctions for students**

The sanctions are the same whether the student is actually smoking or not. Any student breaking this rule is sent home and will not be allowed back into school until the Headmaster or Year Group Coordinator has met with a representative of the family.

## **First offence**

On the first offence the student will be suspended from school for one day. This will be followed by a meeting with a parent or representative of the family.

## **Second offence**

If a student is found smoking a second time then the suspension period will be for three days.

## **Third offence**

On a third or any subsequent occasions suspension will be for one week.

Students will be informed that any suspensions will have an impact on attendance and behaviour grades and these will inform the colour of a student's progress sheets and, ultimately, the level at which he can graduate from the school. Continual unacceptable behaviour will lead to additional sanctions including being placed on the Headmaster's List for additional monitoring and support.