

Smoking Policy for the Evolution Centre

The Evolution Centre does not support smoking, but understands that young people may arrive addicted and require support and guidance in order to control and reduce their use of cigarettes and or E-cigarettes. The Science and PSHE curriculum include opportunities to support young people to learn about the negative effects of smoking. Students and staff are not permitted to smoke anywhere within the buildings or grounds.

No student is allowed to have cigarettes e-cigarettes or lighters on their person within the school grounds. Cigarettes and lighters should be left at the care home, be handed into care staff, be left in the car or, for day students, be handed into the school office.

At lunch time students with written permission to smoke from social services or parents may be permitted to leave the school premises with staff if their risk assessment allows. Staff and students should not smoke in the vicinity of the school where smoking can be associated with their belonging to the school. Students who break the rules may have their permission to leave at lunch time removed.

Staff who leave the premises to smoke must ensure that the young person for whom they are responsible is being sufficiently and suitably cared for by another appropriate adult, who knows that they are currently responsible for the supervision of that young person. Care staff must not leave smoking litter and should smoke out of sight of young people. It is preferable that any smoking breaks are taken whilst students are settled in lessons and not at break or lunch time. Teaching and care staff must not keep lighters where they may become available to young people.

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