

SMOKE FREE CAMPUS POLICY

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1. Policy Purpose

We place the health, safety and wellbeing of our College community, and our guests, at the centre of everything we do. Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure.

2. Policy Statement

In order to protect all employees, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors from exposure to secondhand smoke and to assist compliance with the [Health Act 2006](#), UWC Atlantic does not permit smoking anywhere in College **buildings, employee housing, grounds, undercover external workplaces, in college vehicles and an area 500 metres beyond the edge of the Campus boundaries.**

With effect from 2 July 2007, it became against the law to smoke within any building or vehicle belonging to the College including employee houses.

This applies to all forms of smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes and vaping. **Please note: The prohibition of electronic cigarettes is on the basis that these products do not provide recognised health benefits while introducing several negative consequences including undermining the enforcement of this Smoke Free policy.**

The College does not provide designated smoking areas.

The College displays suitable signs to remind employees, students and visitors that the grounds are Smoke Free.

This policy applies to all employees, students, parents, alumni, guests, visitors and contractors.

3. Policy Implementation

Overall responsibility for the implementation and review of this policy rests with the Director of Operations & Sustainability.

However, all employees and students are obliged to adhere to and support the implementation of the policy.

Appropriate 'no-smoking' signs are displayed at the entrance to the premises, buildings and in College vehicles.

3.1 Non-Compliance

The appropriate disciplinary procedures will be followed if an employee or student does not comply with this policy. Those who do not comply with the smoke free law may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

4. Related Information

4.1 Help to Stop Smoking

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up.

Visit [NHS Direct Wales](#), call the Smoking Helpline on 0800 250 6885 or text HMQ to 80818. Support is also available from the College Wellbeing Centre.

5. Policy Measurement and Reporting

The Smoke Free Campus Policy is reviewed as required by the Finance & Estates Committee of the Board, the Director of Operations & Sustainability and the Facilities Services Manager, as part of the operations review cycle and as part of the whole College development plan. Part of this review process will consider to what extent the policy is being used as an active working document.

The policy is communicated to the school community electronically on **Every** and is available on the UWCA website.