



No Smoking Policy

From 1st August 2008 Hopwood Hall College will become a “Smoke Free” College. We are becoming a smoke free college to support and promote the positive health and well being of our students, staff and visitors, provide a pleasant, healthy clean and safe environment for all our college users, and protect against the effects of second hand smoke.

Aims and Objectives

- To protect all college users from the harmful emissions in tobacco smoke
- To ensure support for staff and students who want to stop smoking
- To support the college as an advocate of a healthy lifestyles

Policy Application and Detail

A ‘smoke free’ college means there will be no smoking allowed anywhere within the college grounds. Specifically this means smoking is not allowed:

- Within any college buildings and vehicles
- Within any vehicles on college premises
- Anywhere on pedestrian routes or open spaces on land owned by the college

Staff and students are requested not to smoke at, or within the close vicinity of, entrances to college premises. Specific smoking breaks for staff or students will not be permitted. The College is fully committed to ensuring that wherever appropriate, it promotes non smoking as one step towards a healthy lifestyle.

Arrangements for ensuring compliance with the policy

- All job applicants and potential students will be advised that the College operates a Smoke Free Policy that covers all students, employees, contractors and visitors
- A breach of the policy will occur if a student, employee, contractor or visitor smokes within the college grounds, defaces or removes signs and notices associated with the non smoking policy, or intentionally breach the policy in any other way
- Any complaint of breaches of the policy will be investigated and the appropriate action taken. This may include formal disciplinary action
- College users experiencing difficulty in compliance with the policy will be dealt with sympathetically in the first instance and encouraged to seek advice and support from appropriate health agencies
- Reasonable help and support will be provided, although ultimately all college users are expected to adjust their smoking habits to not smoke at college

Support to stop smoking

The College recognises that smoking is an addiction and aims to provide a supportive environment for those wishing to stop. Reasonable help and support will be offered to students and staff to help them to stop smoking. Referral to a college 'No Smoking Advisor' or the PCT 'Stop Smoking' Service can be made if requested.