

No Smoking at Long Road Sixth Form College

Long Road Sixth Form College is a completely no smoking college. This means that students can not smoke on any area of the college campus nor on the adjoining roads. Addenbrooke's hospital successfully introduced such a ban in January of 2014 and we followed suit in June 2014. The no smoking rules are implemented between 8.30am and 4.30pm and our students may not leave the site to smoke and then return to lessons. This ban includes the local roads, especially Long Road, Luard Road and Sedley Taylor Road.

There are several reasons for us to consider this is a sensible move to make.

Firstly, it is illegal to sell cigarettes to people aged under 18.

<http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/advice/advice-business-sfsum22.cfm>

Since October 2007 it is illegal to sell tobacco products, including cigarettes, tobacco and cigarette rolling papers to anyone under the age of 18. In January 2014, the government proposed to extend the ban to e-cigarettes and so we are including e-cigarettes in our definition of smoking. <http://news.sky.com/story/1201093/e-cigarettes-to-be-banned-for-under-18s>

Secondly, the well documented health risks associated with smoking. Every year around 100,000 people die from smoking, with many more deaths caused by smoking-related illnesses. <http://www.nhs.uk/chq/Pages/2344.aspx?CategoryID=53>

Thirdly, we believe that we need to prepare young people for the place of work and an increasing number of companies ask their workforce not to smoke in the environs of their buildings (eg Addenbrooke's Hospital). In addition, there is no longer any safe place for students to smoke either on or close to the college site.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What support is available?

We have trained 2 members of staff as smoking cessation support staff and they run advice clinics and groups for students.

We will be working closely with:

Smoke free: <http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree>

ASH: Action on Smoking and Health <http://ash.org.uk/category/stopping-smoking/> and other agencies to support people to stop smoking.

What happens to students who smoke during the college day?

The college has a very effective disciplinary system based upon 3 warnings after which a student is asked to leave the college. We hope that it will not be necessary to use this, but for students who do not comply with the college rules we do implement this and will do so if there is a breach of the no smoking rules.

What about our neighbours?

The college has always endeavoured to work effectively with people who are employed or who live close to our premises. It is for this reason that we are asking students not to smoke in the adjoining roads or during the college day. We are part of the local community and want to continue to work in co-operation with everyone.

Will the rules apply to students aged over 18?

Yes, the college is a community for everybody and all the rules in place apply to all students regardless of their age. It would be impossible to have some rules which apply to some students but not to others. By enrolling at the college for an academic year, all students agree to comply with the Code of Conduct for the entire year.

The statement:

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Under Health and Safety legislation the college has a legal responsibility to protect the health and safety of everyone in the workplace.

This means that students, staff and contractors must not smoke on any part of the college property or on the neighbouring roads between 8.30am and 4.30pm. There are signs to remind everybody of this at all entrances to the site.

The aim of this Policy is to:

- Protect and improve the health of staff, students, visitors and contractors
- Protect both smokers and non-smokers from the danger to their health of exposure to second hand smoke

Responsibilities:

It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure that this policy is adhered to.

If you do have any questions please contact the college using: enquiries@longroad.ac.uk . All students will be asked to agree to the college rules and the full College Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it.