



Building Inspiring Caring

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To: Parents/Guardians

Cc: Bursar

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### **Smoking Policy**

Part of our role in Blackwater Integrated College is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all students to work and interact in. This is in part achieved by ensuring the College is designated a non-smoking site. Under the smoke-free regulations in Northern Ireland, it is against the law to smoke in the workplace which includes schools. It is also illegal for someone under the age of 18 to buy tobacco products. Unfortunately, a small number of students are not adhering to this law and are smoking on school premises when out of sight from staff.

This behaviour is unacceptable and to clarify our position our smoking policy is available to read on the school website.

Our response to finding students who are smoking or are in the company of smokers is as follows:

When a student is found smoking, in the possession of tobacco, or in the company of smokers he/she will be reported to the Head of Junior/Senior School and the following sanctions will be applied.

**First Offence:** Two hour after school detention

**Second Offence:** Suspension

**Third Offence:** Parents/Guardians to meet with Principal to discuss further action

I am sure as a parent you agree that smoking cannot be condoned in school. It is unhealthy for both the person smoking and those who are subjected to the residual smoke.

Thank you in advance for your support in addressing this matter

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Pastoral Coordinator