



**Anti- Smoking & Drugs  
Policy  
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## 1. Policy Statement

Dove Green School is committed to providing a safe, healthy, and supportive environment for all students, staff, and visitors. In line with UAE law, KHDA regulations, and our responsibility to safeguard the wellbeing of young people, smoking, vaping, and the possession or use of drugs and other harmful substances are strictly prohibited on school premises, during school hours, and at all school-related activities and events.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to:

- All students from Early Years through to Sixth Form (Year 13)
- All staff, contractors, and visitors on school premises
- All school-related activities, trips, transport, and events

## 3. Rationale

- Smoking, vaping, and the use of drugs pose significant health risks and are illegal for minors in the UAE.
- The school has a duty of care to protect students from exposure to harmful substances.
- Creating a safe, smoke-free and drug-free environment supports wellbeing, positive behaviour, and academic success.

## 4. Definitions

- **Smoking:** The use of cigarettes, cigars, shisha, or any other tobacco products.
- **Vaping:** The use of e-cigarettes or electronic nicotine delivery systems.
- **Drugs:** Any illegal substance under UAE law, prescription medication used without medical supervision, or substances used to alter mood, awareness, or behaviour.

## 5. Expectations

- **Students:** Must not possess, use, or distribute cigarettes, vapes, shisha, drugs, or related paraphernalia at school or during school activities.
- **Staff & Visitors:** Must not smoke, vape, or use drugs on school grounds or when supervising students.
- **Parents/Guardians:** Are expected to support the school's policy and reinforce healthy choices at home.

## 6. Prevention & Education

- Age-appropriate education on the dangers of smoking and drug use is embedded in the curriculum (e.g., Science, Wellbeing).
- Guest speakers, workshops, and awareness campaigns will reinforce the importance of healthy lifestyles.
- Pastoral staff will provide guidance and support to students who may be at risk.

## 7. Support & Intervention

- Students found in breach will be referred to the designated safeguarding lead (DSL) or wellbeing team.
- Counselling, education sessions, and parental involvement will form the first step in intervention.
- The school may refer serious cases to external authorities, in accordance with UAE law and KHDA requirements.

## 8. Sanctions

- **Smoking/Vaping:** Confiscation of items, parental notification, written warning, and possible suspension for repeat offences.
- **Drug Possession/Use/Distribution:** Immediate suspension while investigation takes place. Permanent exclusion and referral to legal authorities may apply in line with UAE law.

## 9. Monitoring & Review

- Incidents will be logged and monitored to identify trends and inform preventative strategies.
- This policy will be reviewed annually and updated to reflect any changes in UAE law, KHDA guidelines, or school needs.

## 10. Policy Communication

- The policy will be published on the school website and shared with staff, parents, and students.
- Clear signage will be displayed across the campus stating the school is a **smoke-free and drug-free zone**.

**Signed:**

**Print Name:**

**Designation:**

**Date:**

**Policy Review Date: June 2026**