



MIDDLETON TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL

Smoking Policy

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Middleton Technology is committed to:

- Educating all employees, students, parents, contractors and other visitors of the dangers of smoking to health and that smoking is known to be the principal avoidable cause of premature deaths in the UK.
- The compliance with anti-smoking legislation, namely Smoke -free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006 and that from the 1st July 2007 all workplaces in England must be smoke free, rendering it a criminal offence to smoke on the school premises.
- Providing a healthy, clean and safe working environment for all employees, students, parents, contractors and other visitors.

The Health Act 2006

The Health Act 2006 was established 'to make provision for the prohibition of smoking in premises, places and vehicles; for amending the minimum age of persons to whom tobacco may be sold and to make provision in relation to the prevention and control of health care associated infections'.

"Smoking" refers to smoking tobacco or anything which contains tobacco, or smoking any other substance. Smoking includes being in possession of lit tobacco or of anything lit which contains tobacco, or being in possession of any other lit substance in a form in which it could be smoked. Premises will be smoke-free if they are open to the public and/or are used as a place of work. The school premises will include all buildings, sports fields, car parks and areas considered to be within the grounds of Middleton Technology School.

Smoking is also prohibited on vehicles hired by the school or in any vehicle on the school premises.

Aims

1. To enable all students and staff to make healthy, informed choices by increasing knowledge and challenging attitudes towards smoking.
2. To provide a programme of education and accurate information about the health risks associated with smoking.
3. To seek to minimise the risks and possible legal consequences for students and staff from smoking in prohibited places.
4. To enable young people and staff to identify sources of appropriate personal support to help with the cessation of smoking and these support mechanisms are open to them when they are needed
5. To monitor, as far as possible, pupil and staff involvement in smoking in order to inform school strategies for prevention.
6. To have clear procedures for dealing with anyone found smoking on the premises or in the case of students, found to be in possession of smoking materials, to ensure that such procedures are consistent and clearly understood.
7. To ensure an adequate programme for Life Education with appropriate resourcing and staff training in place to help young people make informed decisions about smoking.

8. To ensure that students, staff, parents, contractors and any other visitors are informed about the school's policy and procedures relating to smoking.
9. To ensure that both penalties for smoking on the school site and support procedures are consistently and fairly applied.
10. Where necessary, to enter into a contract with parents, carer and students which clearly identifies the responsibilities of all involved. (see Acceptable Behaviour Contract)

Sanctions

Protocol for non-compliance on school premises by staff

Disciplinary procedures may be followed if a member of staff does not comply with this policy. Staff may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

Protocol for non-compliance on school premises by visitors

Visitors who do not comply with this policy will be asked to leave the premises. Refusal to comply with this request may result in the Police or Local Enforcement Officer being informed.

Protocol for non-compliance on school premises by students

Students will receive a sanction for 'smoking' if:

- a) They are seen smoking.
- b) They are seen with a lit cigarette in their possession.
- c) They are found to have cigarettes and/or other smoking materials in their possession.
- d) They are seen using an e-cigarette
- e) They are associating themselves with others who have been caught in the act of smoking.

E- cigarettes

Whilst these are clearly less of a health risk than normal cigarettes and at the moment can be purchased legally by young people, they must not be brought into school. Any pupil seen using an e-cigarette them in school will be sanctioned in line with this policy and the E-cigarette confiscated.

The sanctions issues are as follows

1. First offence – 1 hour minute detention on the same day
2. Second offence – 1 hour detention on a Friday evening
3. Third offence – 1 day in inclusion centre
4. Persistent offenders (4 or more offences) – 1 day fixed term exclusion and an Acceptable Behaviour Contract drawn up and signed (ABC)
5. Failure to fulfil an ABC may result in a managed transfer or permanent exclusion.

If a student is found in breach of any of the statements above (a-e), parents or carers will be notified by letter.

The school will forward the names of persistent offenders to the Council Enforcement Officer.

In extreme cases where the school sanctions appear to be having no effect on certain students and their smoking behaviour, parents may be asked to collect and supervise their child over the periods of free time or when the smoking is taking place.

In accordance with the DFE document “Screening, searching and confiscation” (July 2013)

Head teachers and staff authorised by them have a statutory power to search pupils or their possessions, without consent, where they have reasonable grounds for suspecting that the pupil may have a prohibited item. Prohibited items are:

- knives or weapons
- alcohol
- illegal drugs
- stolen items
- tobacco and cigarette papers
- fireworks
- pornographic images
- any article that the member of staff reasonably suspects has been, or is likely to be, used to commit an offence, or
- to cause personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil).

Head teachers and authorised staff can also search for any item banned by the school rules which has been identified in the rules as an item which may be searched for.

Confiscation

School staff can seize any prohibited item found as a result of a search. They can also seize any item, however found, which they consider harmful or detrimental to school discipline.

Support

The school takes its responsibilities in supporting staff and students to maintain their health and wellbeing seriously and the following are some of strategies in place to help with the cessation of smoking.

1. The NHS offers a range of services to help smokers to give up. Visit www.gosmokefree.co.uk or call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 0800 169 0 169 for details. Alternatively you can text ‘GIVE UP’ and your full postcode to 88088 to find your local NHS Stop Smoking Service.
2. Students in school can access the School Nurse (Karen Brierley) for help and advice and an appointment can be made through Mrs Foster the school Inclusion Secretary. The School nurse is available in school on Thursdays.

It is believed that support can be obtained locally at the places listed below.

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| <u>Middleton Health Centre</u> | |
| Tel: 0161 655 7434 | |
| Middleton Shopping Centre Middleton Manchester | |

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| M24 4EL | |
| <u>Woodside Medical Centre</u> | |
| Tel: 0161 643-9244 | |
| The Woodside Medical Centre 247j Wood Street Langley Middleton M24 5QL | |

Stop Smoking Service (TASK), London House, Oldham Road, Middleton, Manchester,
M24 1AY TEL: 0161 655 1581
OFFERING: Self referral service for people of any age wishing to [stop smoking](#).

Dr L Thompson & Dr G Stockton
Telephone: 0161 654 4103
Address: Doctor's Surgery, Clough Street (off Boarshaw Road), Middleton, Manchester,
M24 2YJ
Website: www.drstocktonandthompson.co.uk

Alternatively

<http://www.stopsmokingmanchester.co.uk/>

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