



## **Ardingly College** **No Smoking Policy**

### **Introduction**

The severe negative medical effects of smoking are now well documented and accepted worldwide. Similarly, the negative effect of passive smoking is equally well recognised.

Many countries including Ireland, Wales and Scotland have already introduced smoking restrictions and from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007 a new law (the Health Act 2006) comes into effect banning smoking in all public buildings in England and Wales. For the purposes of this act, schools are regarded as public buildings.

The new Health Act puts the onus on the 'owners' of public premises to enforce the law. Both an individual breaking the law, or an 'owner' who fails to take sufficient action to enforce the law are potentially at risk of a fine.

### **Policy**

The Governors of Ardingly College, in pursuance of their duty of care for the health, safety and welfare of staff, pupils, and all visitors to the campus, have decided to implement a no-smoking policy throughout the College campus. **This applies to all buildings and land owned by Ardingly College.**

While the Governors are mindful of the fact that some people have been smoking on the College campus for some time before this policy was determined, they believe that the issue is of such importance for the health and safety of everyone in the school that the policy must include everyone who enters Ardingly College land or property.

Furthermore, smoking will not be allowed in any vehicles parked on the College Campus.

**The no-smoking policy will come into effect on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2007.**

### **Implementation**

The Headmaster is responsible for the implementation of the policy. The day-to-day management of the policy is delegated to the Bursar.

The Headmaster will make arrangements for all staff, pupils, parents, contractors and visitors to the site and the general public to know that smoking is not allowed on Ardingly College property.

**Pupils** The existing policy concerning pupils will continue. This is detailed in the Pupil Handbook.

### **Monitoring and Review**

The Head will monitor the working of the policy, and may involve other appropriate senior staff to aid the monitoring and to offer advice on the working of the policy.

### **Questions & Answers**

**Q1.** Can I smoke in my own car on site ?  
**A1.** **No.** When you get out of your car the smoke will not be contained in the car and any person passing near to your car is likely to be exposed to passive smoking.

**Q2.** Is there anywhere on College property that I can smoke. ?  
**A2.** **No.** If you wish to smoke you must leave the College grounds.

**Q3.** Are parents of Ardingly pupils allowed to smoke on site ?  
**A3.** **No.** All parents will be informed about the policy. We anticipate that parents will recognise the health benefits of the policy and accept that the driving factor behind the policy is a change in the law, and will respect the policy.

**Q4.** There is a public footpath running through the middle of the College campus. Can I smoke while on the public footpath ?  
**A4.** **No.** The policy applies to the footpath as it passes through the Ardingly College grounds. Notices will have to be erected to inform the public using the footpath about the policy.

**Q5.** Are visitors such as contractors and persons delivering goods to the College allowed to smoke on site.  
**A5.** **No.** We will be contacting all our suppliers to inform them of the policy and asking them to brief their employees about it. If any such person smokes on site or in their vehicle while on site, they will be politely asked to stop smoking and reminded of the policy.

