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Elite English School L.L.C

Anti-Vaping, Smoking and Tobacco Policy

Governing Authorities:

Knowledge and Human Development Authority (KHDA)
Ministry of Education (MOE), United Arab Emirates

Review Cycle: Yearly

Last Review: February 2026

Next Review: February 2027

1. Rationale

Elite English School Dubai is committed to providing a safe, healthy and supportive learning environment for all students, staff and visitors.

The use, possession, sharing or sale of vaping devices, tobacco products, smoking materials or related paraphernalia — poses serious risks to physical health, emotional wellbeing and student safety. Such behaviours are inconsistent with the school's values, safeguarding responsibilities and expectations under UAE law.

This policy reflects the school's **zero-tolerance stance** towards vaping and smoking and its commitment to promoting healthy lifestyle choices and academic success.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Protect students from the harmful effects of nicotine, tobacco and vaping substances.
- Maintain a smoke-free and vape-free school environment.
- Support early intervention, education and wellbeing.

- Ensure compliance with KHDA regulations, Ministry of Education guidance and UAE Federal Law.
 - Provide clear procedures and consequences for breaches of this policy.
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3. Definitions

Smoking

The act of inhaling or exhaling smoke from any substance, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes and dokha.

Vaping

The act of inhaling vapour produced by electronic cigarettes or similar devices.

Tobacco Products

Includes cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, dokha and any product containing tobacco or nicotine.

Electronic Smoking Devices (ESDs)

Any device used to deliver nicotine or other substances through inhalation, including:

- E-cigarettes
 - Vape pens
 - Vaporizers
 - Disposable vapes
 - Hookah pens
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4. Prohibition (Zero Tolerance)

The following are **strictly prohibited**:

- Smoking or vaping on school premises.
- Possession of vaping devices, tobacco products or related paraphernalia.
- Sale, sharing or distribution of such items.
- Being under the influence of nicotine or vaping substances during the school day.

This prohibition applies to:

- All school buildings and grounds.
- School transport.

- School trips and off-site activities.
 - Any situation where students are identifiable as members of the Elite English School Dubai community.
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5. Education and Prevention

Elite English School Dubai adopts a proactive approach through education and awareness.

This includes:

- Wellbeing and PSHWE curriculum lessons addressing:
 - Health risks of vaping, nicotine and dokha
 - Addiction awareness
 - Peer pressure and decision-making
 - Assemblies and awareness campaigns.
 - Age-appropriate discussions supported by health professionals where appropriate.
 - Promotion of healthy lifestyle choices.
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6. Confiscation and Disposal

- Any prohibited item will be confiscated immediately.
 - Confiscated items will be stored securely.
 - Disposal will occur in line with school procedures and UAE legal requirements.
 - Any illegal substances discovered will be reported to **Dubai Police**.
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7. Searching Students Protocol

In accordance with safeguarding responsibilities:

- The Principal, Vice Principal or delegated senior staff may conduct searches **without consent** where there are reasonable grounds to suspect possession of a prohibited item.
- Searches will:
 - Be conducted by **two staff members of the same gender** as the student.
 - Be carried out respectfully and proportionately.

- Focus only on identifying prohibited items.

Prohibited items include:

- Vapes and vaping paraphernalia
- Tobacco or dokha
- Alcohol
- Illegal substances
- Weapons or dangerous items
- Stolen property

Random bag checks may also be conducted periodically as a preventative safeguarding measure.

Parents will be informed following any search conducted.

8. Enforcement and Consequences (Students)

Elite English School Dubai operates a **strict zero-tolerance framework**.

First Offence

- Confiscation of item
- Parent/guardian notification and meeting
- **Two (2) day external suspension**
- Formal warning letter

Second Offence

- Confiscation of item
- Parent/guardian meeting
- **Three (3) day external suspension**
- Mandatory counselling sessions
- Behaviour contract signed by student and parent
- Second warning letter

Third Offence

- Confiscation of item

- Parent/guardian meeting
- **Three (3) day external suspension**
- Mandatory counselling
- Behaviour contract including regular searches
- Final written warning

Subsequent Offences

- Application for **non-re-registration for the following academic year**
 - KHDA notification
 - Parent meeting with Principal
 - Continued exclusion and support plan as appropriate
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9. Serious Breaches

Any of the following may result in **immediate escalation**, including involvement of Dubai Police and KHDA:

- Distribution or sale of vaping or tobacco products
- Possession of illegal substances
- Repeated defiance
- Endangering others

Such cases may result in **permanent exclusion** in line with KHDA guidance.

10. Support and Intervention

While maintaining zero tolerance, the school remains committed to student wellbeing.

Support may include:

- Counselling sessions with the School Counsellor
 - Health guidance from the School Clinic
 - Referral to external support services where appropriate
 - Ongoing pastoral monitoring
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11. Communication

This policy will be communicated through:

- Student and Parent Handbooks
- School website
- Assemblies and awareness sessions
- Visible signage across the campus

Parents will receive regular reminders to reinforce consistent expectations between home and school.

12. Roles and Responsibilities

- **Students** must comply fully with this policy.
 - **Parents** are expected to support school procedures.
 - **Staff** must report concerns immediately.
 - **Senior Leadership Team** oversees enforcement and consistency.
 - **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** manages serious or repeat cases.
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13. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be:

- Reviewed annually.
 - Updated in line with KHDA guidance, MOE directives and UAE law.
 - Evaluated through incident data and wellbeing monitoring.
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Elite English School Dubai is committed to maintaining a safe, healthy and vape-free learning environment for every student.