

Smoking and the law

Smoking scenarios (cut out and give one to each group)

1. At a school celebration event, some Year 9 and 10 pupils are smoking outside the school gates. One teacher walks past and ignores this, but a second teacher challenges the pupils. The pupils reply by stating that it is not right for them to be in trouble for smoking as they have seen teachers smoking.
 - What are the main issues here?
 - How does the school Drug Education/Smokefree Policy help in this instance?
 - What should happen to the pupils?
 - What action needs to take place as a result of this incident?
2. Whilst out shopping at the weekend, one of the teachers sees a group of pupils from the school smoking.
 - What are the issues for the teacher?
 - What are the issues for the young people?
 - How could the school Drug Education/Smokefree Policy support the teacher?
 - How could the school Drug Education/Smokefree Policy support the pupils?
 - How should the teacher deal with this situation?
3. The school receives a complaint from a member of the public. The person states that several pupils are displaying poor behaviour and smoking in the street whilst travelling home from school.
 - What are the issues for the school?
 - How should the situation be handled?
 - How could the school Drug Education/Smokefree Policy support the situation?
 - What should happen as a result of the complaint?

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4. During a PSHE lesson on smoking several pupils disclose the fact that they sometimes smoke. When the teacher states that young people are not allowed by law to be sold cigarettes, the pupils reply with the fact that they get their cigarettes from a variety of places including older pupils, their parents, and one of the local shops.
- In what different ways could the teacher react to this information?
 - How do you feel the teacher should react?
 - How could the school Drug Education/Smokefree Policy support the pupils and the teacher?
 - What should be done in light of this information?
5. A parent comes into school at the end of the day and informs the staff that her child has been sold cigarettes by a pupil at the school. When questioned, the parent states that they do not believe that it was during the school day.
- How should the school staff react to this information?
 - Do the school staff require any further information?
 - How could the school Drug Education/Smokefree Policy help in this situation?
 - What action should be taken by the school?