



RUSSIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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ANTI-VAPING AND ANTI-SMOKING POLICY

Consistent to our mission and in compliance with the KHDA Anti-Vaping Guidance, we at Russian International School are committed to providing a safe, healthy, and supportive school environment by preventing and responding to vaping, smoking and use of tobacco and any products containing tobacco on school premises or during any school activity.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all students, staff, and visitors by prohibiting vaping, smoking, and using tobacco products (this also includes the sale or sharing of these items on school property and during school-related activities).

The following definitions are provided for reference:

- 1. Smoking** – the act of inhaling and exhaling the smoke of tobacco or any other tobacco-related substance.
- 2. Vaping** – the act of inhaling and exhaling vapor produced by an electronic cigarette or any kind of vaping device.
- 3. Tobacco products** – tobacco-related items and substances including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, dokha, and any other products containing tobacco.
- 4. Electronic Smoking Devices** – any devices that can be used to deliver nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including electronic cigarettes, vaporizers, vape pens, and hookah pens.

RULES TO BE FOLLOWED STRICTLY BY ALL STUDENTS:

1. Smoking, vaping, and using tobacco products (including the sale and sharing of these items) is strictly prohibited across school premises.
2. This prohibition extends to all school-related activities, whether inside or outside the school.
3. Students are prohibited from using, selling and/or possessing any tobacco products, electronic smoking devices, or related substances on school property and during school-related activities.

4. Any device or accessory associated with vaping will be confiscated immediately and processed as per school internal rules.
5. Students must report concerns or incidents related to vaping to the School Administration via established reporting channels.

To support the Anti-Vaping and Anti-Smoking Policy, the school is committed to implement preventive and educational actions:

1. To integrate age-appropriate lessons on vaping, smoking and using tobacco risk factors, into the Wellbeing curriculum.
2. To conduct annual awareness workshops for Students, Parents and Staff in alignment with KHDA guidelines.
3. To arrange special wellbeing sessions connected with peer pressure, social media influence, and long-term risks.
4. To display anti-vaping posters at appropriate spots on the school premises.
5. To communicate with parents on vaping risks and early warning signs through SMS alerts and newsletters.
6. To set up SIRA CCTV cameras across the school premises for the safety reasons and as per Dubai Police and KHDA regulations.

REPORTING PROCESS

1. The class teacher, parent or any concerned individual prepares a written incident report on the suspected case of vaping, smoking, and the use of tobacco products, and sends the same to the School Administration (admin.ris@dubairuschool.com).
2. After receiving the report, the Principal and the Health & Safety Council immediately determine the appropriate action on the report to commence an investigation and file a case if required.
3. The report/s to the Principal must include the following: name of the reporter/complainant; name of the student suspected of vaping/smoking on school premises; facts of the case, supporting evidences, if any; and any other information that may be useful in investigating the case.
4. Parent/guardian notification and meeting.

INTERVENTION AND CONSEQUENCES FOR STUDENTS

1. First offence:

- Confiscation of prohibited items;
- Warning letter to parents;
- Three (3) days external exclusion;
- Parent/guardian meeting with the Principal.

2. Second offence:

- Confiscation of prohibited items;
- Second warning letter to parents;
- Three (3) days external exclusion;
- Parent/guardian meeting with the Principal.
- Mandatory counseling sessions with the school counselor.

3. Third offence:

- If a third offence is made within the school academic year, RIS Administration Team will make an application for non-re-registration of the student for the next academic year.
- Confiscation of prohibited items;
- Three (3) days external exclusion;
- Mandatory counseling sessions with the school counselor;
- Parent/guardian meeting with the Principal;
- Third and final warning letter to parents informing them of KHDA notification.

The School Management may carry out random checks of students' belongings in suspicious cases on regular basis without requesting parental permission and/or prior notice.

All communication regarding vaping, smoking and use of tobacco products will be documented in the RIS Incident Reports Book on a confidential basis.

Parents will be informed and involved at each stage. They must review and acknowledge notices promptly. KHDA and Dubai Police Authorities will be notified if required.

By adhering to this Policy, RIS aims to cultivate a safe, healthy and academically focused environment for all students.

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