

Policy Statement

1.1 Smoking is not permitted in College buildings, outside of College buildings on-site or within 20 meters of any College building entrance or exit.

1.2 In line with its duty of care to staff and students, the RCM is committed to creating and maintaining a healthy environment.

1.3 The College will comply with all legislative requirements on the control of smoking. The term 'smoking' includes all substances that a person can smoke by whatever method.

1.4 Smoking is not permitted:

1.4.1 Inside any building or substantially enclosed spaces, owned or used by the College for the conduct of College business including the Prince Consort Road and RCM Jay Mews sites.

1.4.2 On College land or within 20m of College land.

2.1 The use of e-cigarettes is not permitted in College buildings

2.2 Whilst e-cigarettes are not regulated through health and tobacco related legislation, the use of e-cigarettes is not permitted in any College buildings.

2.3 The prohibition of using electronic cigarettes wherever smoking is legally prohibited (within buildings) is on the basis that, whilst these products are potentially less harmful than smoking products and potentially useful for those wishing to quit

- The RCM is committed to act as a responsible and considerate neighbour and remind all staff, students, visitors and contractors that neighbouring institutions such as Imperial College, the Royal Albert Hall, the Royal College of Art all have their own smoke-free zones which must also be respected and complied with.

Support to quit smoking

A wealth of resources is available through the NHS for students and staff who are considering quitting smoking. More information can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/quit-smoking/>