# Y7: Healthy Lifestyles

## What is Health?

# How can screentime affect my health?

# How much sleep should I be getting?

# Is vaping harmful to my body?

## How can I look after my teeth?

#### **Health definition:**

'a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease'

Diet is a big part of healthy living. The **Eatwell Guide** is an infographic from the government that advises society what makes a balanced diet.

#### Possible effects of too much screentime:

- lack of sleep
- feeling more stressed
- reduced brain function
- increased risk of obesity
- chronic neck and back pain
- overstimulation of the nervous system
- eye strain, retina damage or blurred vision

### **History of Smoking & E-cigarettes**

**1965:** The first health warnings on cigarette packs were introduced.

1990: The law was changed to ban the sale of tobacco products to under 16's.

2003: E-cigarettes introduced in the UK for the first time.

2007: Smoking banned in enclosed public places & workplaces.

#### NHS Advice om dental hygiene

- Floss between your teeth
- Have regular dental check-ups
- Straighten crooked teeth with braces
- Have a regular teeth-cleaning routine

Top 3 reasons for visiting the dentist in

Routine dental checks (43%

Replacing a missing tooth

Dental pain (12%)

- Brush your teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste
- Cut down on sugar
- Avoid smoking

UK:

Maintain a healthy diet

#### Possible benefits of screentime:

- Learning
- Inspires us to see new things
- Takes us to new places we have never been before, or may never get to visit otherwise
- **Builds communication skills**

#### Benefits of sleep:

How much

sleep for

different

ages?

- Can improve short- and long-term memory
- Increases academic performance
- Makes it easier to focus
- Can improve mood and make you feel happier
- Reduces stress
- Can develop creativity and creative thinking
- Improves athletic performance
- Improves appearance of skin

#### The NHS Advise:

"Evidence shows that vaping is substantially less harmful than smoking. However, vaping is not risk-free and under 18's should not vape"

## Physical effects of nicotine:

- Stained teeth
- Increased heart rate
- Increased risk of gum disease
- Decrease of luncg capacity & function

#### **Emotional effects of nicotine:**

- Difficulty sleeping
- Difficulty concentrating

#### Mood swings

#### Social effects of nicotine:

- Lingering smells of smoke or vapes
- Non-smokers exposed to second-hand vapes

Health-focused dental treatments aim to remove or prevent diseases, which may be produced by bacteria or factors such as smoking. These are essential for oral health.

Cosmetic procedures typically improve appearance, though some treatments may also impact oral health. These procedures are usually seen as an optional treatment.

#### **Halton Health Data:**

In England, 23% of year 6 age students are classed as obese. In Halton, this number is higher at 28%.

In England, 24% of 5-year-old's have viable signs of dental decay. In Halton this is higher at 33.9%.

#### **UK Screentime statistics:**

In 2022, the United Kingdom ranked 22nd globally when comparing citizens' average screen time.

The average adult in the UK looks at a screen for 13 hours and 2 minutes per day; lower than the global average time of 13 hours and 46 minutes.

#### How can we improve quality of sleep?

- exercise for at least 60 mins every day don't eat too much/too little before bed
- maintain a consistent sleep schedule
- ensure your bedroom is dark, cool and comfortable
- create a regular bedtime routine
- drink less caffeine during the day
- go screen-free for an hour before bed