

# Helping parents to deal with the topics of tobacco and nicotine



## Dear Parents and Legal Guardians,

Over the past few days your child attended a tobacco and nicotine prevention workshop together with their class teacher.

This varied workshop has a specific concept designed to boost the self-confidence of children and young people by helping them to assess the risks of tobacco and nicotine themselves.

#### At the workshop they learned that:

- Tobacco and nicotine are legal products that can cause addiction and disease and are available in various forms.
- Nicotine enters the brain within seconds and affects the body's reward system, which causes addiction.
- Tobacco and nicotine products have an extremely negative impact on the environment.

You too have a major influence on whether your child keeps away from smoking and nicotine products. We have put together a few helpful tips for you so that you can give them the best possible support.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us at schule@lungenliga-ost.ch.

## Tips that have proven to be effective:

### Be a role model

Do not consume any tobacco or nicotine products.

# Talk about the topic

Be open to discussions about alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs.

#### You set the rules

No consumption of tobacco or nicotine in your home or in your presence.

# Stand by your convictions

You want your child to be and stay smoke-free.

## **Get support**

Ask for outside help if you have any questions or problems (see overleaf).

#### Be open

Take your child's opinion seriously.

# If you smoke yourself, the following tips will help:

# Do not smoke in front of your child

Do not consume tobacco at home or in the car. This also applies to your guests.

#### Stop smoking

Make a conscious decision and get support (see overleaf).

#### Be honest

Tell your child about your own experiences regarding addiction, health effects, costs etc.

#### **Further information**

#### **Vapefree**

www.vapefree.info

Background and general information about vaping, provided especially for parents, guardians and teachers.

#### **Sucht Schweiz**

www.suchtschweiz.ch

Brochures and guides written especially for parents and guardians.

#### **Cool and Clean**

www.coolandclean.ch

Background and general information about tobacco.

#### Feel-ok

www.feel-ok.ch

Information and tips for young people who want to stop smoking and stay smoke-free.

#### Nikotin-Durchblick

www.lungenliga.ch/nikotin-durchblick

Free online information event about new nicotine products.

# Support for stopping smoking

#### Kantonale Lungenliga

www.lungenliga.ch/kurse-angebote

Stop smoking initiatives in your region.

#### **Stopsmoking**

www.stopsmoking.ch

Online platform for help and counselling when stopping smoking.

