



Smoking and/or the use of E-Cigarettes anywhere on the school site is strictly prohibited.

Throughout this policy, the term 'smoking' is deemed to include the use of E-Cigarettes.

1. Rationale

Smoking is the UK's single greatest cause of preventable illness and early death. Exposure to secondhand smoke (passive smoking) increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not stop potentially dangerous exposure. Schools have an important role to play in raising pupils' awareness of the health risks associated with smoking.

The law requiring smoke free environments in the workplace and leisure venues came into effect on 1 July 2007. The legislation ensures that all personnel, including those in schools, are protected from risks to health from tobacco smoke and are guaranteed their right to work in a smoke free environment.

As a health promoting school we play an active part in promoting healthy lifestyles, including maintaining our school and its grounds as a smoke free environment. Additionally, as part of the Every Child Matters agenda, implementation of this policy contributes to two of the five outcomes: Being Healthy and Staying Safe.

2. Purpose

The policy seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- To maintain a smoke free zone within the boundary of the school grounds
- To protect children and adults from the harmful effects of cigarette smoke
- To ensure all members of our community realise they have a vital role to play in ensuring that we maintain a smoke free environment
- To ensure staff recognise their responsibilities as role models for children in their care
- To provide an anti-smoking Personal, Social, Health Education Programme of Study within the curriculum
- To dissuade young people from starting to smoke
- To provide sources of information and advice to help smokers quit for life
- To reduce the risk of fire
- To comply with National Healthy Schools Standards criteria
- To comply with Health and Safety Legislation, Employment Law and the Health Act

3. Guidelines

- Smoking* is not permitted anywhere within the boundary walls of the school site by any person at any time. (This includes staff, pupils and past pupils, visitors, parents, governors, contractors and other agencies using the site).
- Smoking* is not permitted by anyone accompanying pupils on school visits. This includes residential visits.
- Smoking* is not permitted in any vehicles being used on school business.
- This policy applies to all events taking place on the school site, including those at which children are not present.
- We will work with our neighbouring secondary school, Eggars, to help reinforce both schools' no-smoking policies with Eggars' students before and after school.



4. Implementation

This policy statement will be issued to all staff and governors, made available to parents and promoted with community groups which may use the school.

This policy is publicised to all in the school community through:

- Signage around the school
- School Prospectus
- School Website
- Staff Handbook
- Events Publicity eg. Summer Fair Programme
- Periodic references in the school Newsletter

As part of their induction, new staff will be made aware of this policy and expected to ensure compliance at all times. The Headteacher will be responsible for signposting staff to sources of help and advice to quit smoking, where required.

Signposting for members of the wider school community to sources of help and advice to quit smoking is available via the School Office and publicised by the Headteacher through the school newsletter. This information is also made available to people as they request it.

Leaflets and posters providing information on quitting smoking, and sources of support to help quit, will be on display in reception for parents, other members of the school community and visitors to take at will.

5. Consultation

This policy is the result of consultation with parents, staff and governors via the Healthy Schools Action Team and has the approval of the governing body.

6. Other Relevant Policies

This policy forms part of a series of policies linked to health and safety issues at our school. It should be read in conjunction with the following:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Fire Safety Policy

7. Responsibility for Implementation and Monitoring

Responsibility for implementing, co-ordinating, monitoring and reviewing this policy lies with the Headteacher. Breaches of policy will be dealt with in accordance with LA guidelines.

The delivery of the anti-smoking programme of study to the children will be monitored by the PSHCE and Science Coordinators.