

This policy has been adapted from Derbyshire Children and Young People's Health Promotion Programme Model Policy

Smoke Free School Policy



Why do we need a smoke free policy?

At this school we value the health and welfare of all who form our community as a key priority for all involved with its management, at whatever level.

It is important that our policy and approach to smoking should actively reflect and support our goals for effective and lasting drug education. Therefore, this policy promotes practices within the school to reinforce our vision, and to remove or discourage practices that negate them.

Smoking has been proved detrimental to health, and secondhand smoking (breathing in other people's tobacco smoke) has also been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory disease in non-smokers.

In developing our school's policy on smoking, we have sought to:

- Build on our commitment to community well-being
- Reinforce our drug education aims
- Reflect LA policy
- Meet DfES guidelines
- Comply with Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 which, places a duty on employers to provide a working environment that is: *Safe, without risks to health*
- Comply with Health Act 2006 which requires enclosed or substantially enclosed premises to be smoke free

What is the policy?

It is the policy of this school that smoking will not be allowed at any school function or anywhere on school premises. This includes:

- All school buildings
- All school grounds (including the school playing fields)
- Smoking in a vehicle parked anywhere on the school grounds
- All off-site activities

- All educational and other visits
- All outside lettings

The policy applies to EVERYONE involved with the school community in any way:

- Employees
- Pupils
- Voluntary helpers
- Governors
- Visitors
- Outside contractors working onsite
- Anyone attending an outside letting

The school will actively discourage smoking at entrances and exits.

How we will implement the policy?

As a school we believe that everyone connected with us has a responsibility to be actively involved in the implementation and enforcement of our smoking policy, and to assist in taking all necessary and appropriate steps to ensure its full implementation and enforcement. Refer to school staffing policies and the school behaviour policy for disciplinary action in the event of a smoking incident on the school premises.

As part of that strategy, we will:

- a) Ensure that it is regularly made known to all it concerns, including; staff, pupils, parents/carers, voluntary helpers & hirers
- b) Display the required *No Smoking* signage at all public entrances of the school and in work vehicles
- c) Offer support to anyone in the school community who is seeking to stop smoking
- d) Offer training to staff to support smoking cessation
- e) Keep a regular check on the school premises to ensure that they are clear of any smoking related litter
- f) Support the reasoning behind the no smoking policy through our drug education scheme of work and communications with our school community

Monitoring & Review

This policy and its implementation will be regularly evaluated by the governing body, and will be formally reviewed as part of the school development process.

To reduce the risk of a penalty we will monitor those that have been found smoking on our premises and our actions to prevent future incidents. (NB There is a risk of a £50 penalty for people found smoking in substantially enclosed premises and a risk of £2500 penalty for the school if appropriate preventative measures have not been taken). The district council's Environmental Health team is the enforcer of the smoke free premises regulations.

Policy Review

This policy document will be reviewed in line with the School Improvement and policy review cycle.

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