



As it is a legal requirement, no smoking shall be permitted on the school property at any time. This policy will be reviewed in the event of a change in relevant legislation.

It will be known to all staff, teaching and support staff, and to any new employees. All Visitors including parents will be made aware of the no Smoking and vaping policy.

### **Rationale**

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill-health in our society.
- Passive smoking - breathing other people's tobacco smoke - is also potentially fatal.
- It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non-smokers.
- Smoking and vaping is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school: staff and parents.
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air, and non-smokers are in the majority.
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society.
- Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school.
- It is a legal requirement that we are a totally smoke-free school.

This policy has due regard to legislation, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- Health Act 2006
- Children and Young Persons (Protection from Tobacco) Act 1991
- Nicotine Inhaling Products (Age of Sale and Proxy Purchasing) Regulations 2015
- Equality Act 2010
- Public Health England (2016) 'Use of e-cigarettes in public places and workplaces'

### **Intent**

- Offer guidance to staff in their approach to raising awareness of the health risks of smoking and vaping.
- Contain information for other interested parties, e.g. parents, governors, advisory colleagues and inspectors.
- Encourage and promote a whole team response which reflects the common practice amongst all staff towards a healthy smoke free environment.
  
- Provide a no smoking or vaping (e-cigarettes) environment both within the school building and grounds that protects the health of the whole school community and visitors to our schools.
- To promote a healthy lifestyle by providing excellent role models for all children and adults within the school.
- Equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist the pressure to smoke, either from their peer group, or from society in general.
- To set the example of a health promoting smoke-free environment to all of our schools and wider community in line with government guidance and local priorities to reduce the prevalence of smoking or vaping and the associated risks.
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breath in air that is free from tobacco smoke.
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke.

## **Curriculum Intent In Relation To Smoking And Vapes**

- To know that all substances can be harmful if not used properly.
- To know how the body works and ways of looking after the body.
- To be aware of the school policy relating to drugs and medicines.
- To foster good relationships and habits.
- To help the children develop positive attitudes to good health.

## **Implementation**

The following statements apply to all staff, pupils and visitors to the school e.g. parents, visiting suppliers, temporary staff, contractors and governors.

- Smoking or vaping is not permitted in any part of the school site at any time. This includes all school buildings and the outside areas of the school including playgrounds, sports field or car parks.
- Smoking or vaping by anyone on a school visit or trip is not permitted.
- Smoking or vaping at the entrances and exits to the school site or any part of the boundary will be strongly discouraged.
- Staff members are expected to inform visitors of the no smoking or vaping policy when necessary . However, they are not expected to enter into any confrontation which may put their personal safety at risk.

The day to day implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the whole school community and everybody has a duty to respond to breaches of the policy. Any persons who smoke on the premises will be asked to extinguish the offending item and/or leave the premises.

If any members of staff wish to smoke, they must leave the school site. Staff who breach the no smoking or vaping policy are advised that this could result in disciplinary action. Breaches of this policy by pupils will result in the involvement of their parents.

The relevant signage is displayed around school.