



Smoke Free Policy February 2022

Review Date: February 2024

Context

Eastlea Primary School is a Community School, which welcomes all children and their families. As our pupils move through this school, we provide support and guidance to enable children to achieve their full potential, academically. However, this is only part of our mission. We seek also to present our pupils with a wide range of enrichment experiences and to develop within them, the ability to make informed choices. We regard this as essential if pupils are to live healthy, active lives. Good habits acquired in childhood, we believe, are likely to be carried into adulthood.

Rationale

Our Smoke Free Policy is required for the following reasons:

- We wish to uphold high standards of healthy living.
- We wish to set a good example for our school community.
- We wish to have a very clear policy to which we can refer if anyone contravenes this standard.

The reasons for adopting a Non-Smoking Policy for our school community are:

- We recognise our responsibility to provide a smoke free working environment.
- We wish to be able to enjoy a smoke free environment.
- We know that the smoking habit can be developed in early childhood and we wish to educate and support our pupils to appreciate the benefits of not starting to smoke.
- We see the National initiatives to cut down smoking in public places and we wish to reflect this in our school environment.

Purpose

Our aim is to achieve a smoke free school environment.

Our objectives are to:

- Unite our school community in the maintenance of a smoke free environment.
- Provide information on the issues surrounding smoking.
- Support anyone who may need assistance with achieving the non-smoking standard.

This policy was drawn up after consultation with a cross section of Parents, Governors and the full school Staff in 2009. It was updated in February 2016 following feedback from the NHCT Health Improvement Team and then reviewed every 2 years since then.

Guidelines

- Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school site [this includes buildings and grounds], by any person, at any time. [this includes pupils, staff, visitors, parents and contractors.]
- Smoking is not permitted by anyone accompanying pupils on school visits.

Implementation

The Head Teacher is responsible for the implementation of this policy with the assistance of other staff members. Where monitoring is required, it is expected that staff members will report any contraventions to the Head Teacher.

This policy is publicised in the following ways:

- In the staff handbook. It is brought to the attention of all new members of staff. The Smoke Free Policy is also highlighted on the information that is sent out to people who are seeking employment at this school therefore nobody comes for interview without being aware of the requirement.
- In the school brochure. It is explained that this school is a smoke free environment.
- A copy of this policy is kept at reception so that contractors are informed of the smoke free requirement.
- Signage around school – and regular updates in newsletters for parents/carers which aim to reduce the amount of smoking by adults at and around the school gates.

Breaches of Policy

Where there is a contravention of the Smoke Free Policy, the Head Teacher will talk to the person concerned, make sure that the policy is understood and require that no further contravention occur. Should this warning be ignored, or if help is requested, then further support can be signposted – see below.

Support Services

- Northumberland Stop Smoking Service 01670 813135
- Northumberland County Council (Health and Wellbeing Team)
- Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Health Improvement Team)

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