



SMOKING POLICY

Introduction

Smoking is a habit learned in childhood and can be fatal to those who persist in using tobacco. Schools invest valuable resources in teaching their pupils about the hazards of smoking through the curriculum. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models in the adults who teach them, as well as a non-smoking environment in the school which houses them.

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, can cause lung cancer and other diseases in non-smokers.
- Smoking is a health and safety issue for all that use the school.
- The majority of people prefer a smoke-free environment. Local surveys have also shown the majority of young people think their schools should be non-smoking, both for staff and pupils.
- Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school.
- A saving of £1300 per annum can be made which can be used for other educational purposes.

General Principle

This policy seeks to guarantee a healthy working and learning environment for all the school's users by eliminating the risk of passive smoking and promoting non-smoking as a positive role model.

Restrictions on Smoking

Smoking is not permitted on any part of the school premises at any time.

Visitors

All visitors, contractors and deliverers are required to abide by the smoking policy.

Support for Smokers

Any smoker requiring help and support in giving up smoking is encouraged to seek the assistance of the County's Occupational Health Unit, Tel No: 01743 252833.

Monitoring and Reviewing

This policy will be reviewed regularly to ensure that it continues to meet the general principle.

This policy was adopted by the Governing Body at their meeting on 27th January 2003.

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