

No Smoking Policy



Stokesley School aims to provide a safe working and learning environment for both students and staff and to this end the whole school supports a no smoking policy. The policy reinforces the messages within the school's programmes of study and the health initiatives in the wider community.

As smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society, we believe as a school it is our responsibility to promote a no smoking policy and to give everyone the right to breathe clean air and to avoid the dangers of second-hand smoke. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models if they are to recognise no smoking as the norm. Smoking and second-hand smoking (the breathing in of other people's tobacco smoke) has been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory diseases. There is considerable evidence regarding the impact of smoking behaviours on children and young people (SCOTH 2004^[1], Twigg et al. 2004^[2]).

Aims and Objectives

- To provide a no smoking environment both within the school building and grounds which protects the health of the whole school community and visitors to the school.
- To promote a healthy lifestyle and enable children to make responsible, healthy choices in relation to smoking. This is reflected within the school's PSHE and science curriculum and by providing excellent role models of all children and adults within the school.
- To set the example of a health-promoting smoke-free environment to the whole school and wider community, in line with government guidance and local priorities to reduce the prevalence of smoking and the associated risks.
- To take account of the needs of those who are addicted to smoking and to offer an avenue of support for those who wish to stop.

Educational Approach

Issues related to smoking, second-hand smoke and the associated risks are covered within the school's programme of study.

The Smoke-Free Environment

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

- Smoking is not permitted in any part of the school site at any time. This includes within all school buildings and the outside areas of the school, including playgrounds and playing fields. This includes school events held outside normal school hours, including school trips and education outside of school premises.

- Smoking at the entrances and exits to the school site and immediate areas around school will be strongly discouraged.

Dissemination and Implementation

The contents of this policy are available on the school website to all teaching and supporting staff, students and visitors to the school e.g. parents, visiting suppliers, temporary staff, contractors and governors.

The day-to-day implementation of the policy is the responsibility of the whole school community and everybody has a duty to respond to breaches of the policy. Ultimately, the Head Teacher will be responsible for dealing with reported incidents of breaches to this policy and she has at her disposal a range of responses in managing such incidents.

Stokesley School will follow consistent procedures to deter and re-educate students who smoke on the school site or travelling to and from school.

Students who are caught smoking will be taken to Internal Exclusion (IE) for a period of one whole school day, parents/carers will be informed and students will be given the option to participate in smoking cessation courses.

Breaches of this policy by students will automatically result in the involvement of parents and may result in disciplinary action in line with the school's Behaviour Policy.

Students wishing to stop smoking will be signposted to Mrs Boal within school.

Monitored by

All staff

[1] SCOTH (2004). Report of the Scientific Committee on Tobacco and Health, London, The Stationary Office

[2] Twigg L., Moon G., Walker S. The Smoking Epidemic in England. London, Health Development Agency

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