

# SMOKE FREE POLICY

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# ST ANDREW'S C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**RATIONALE** - St Andrew's School is a place where everyone is valued and cared about. Each child's learning is enhanced through teaching them effectively. This takes place in an environment that provides intellectual, emotional and physical safety, is sensitive to their needs, challenging and allows success to be celebrated.

### CONTEXT

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill-health in our society
- Passive smoking is also potentially fatal. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non-smokers
- It is also noted that electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) mimic the effects of real cigarettes. Experts say it is not yet known what harm the tobacco-free devices could inflict and that their contents could be damaging young people's health
- Smoking is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school (staff and parents)
- Everyone has a right to breathe clean air
- Schools have a major role to play in the promotion of non-smoking
- Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role

**AIMS** - The aim of this policy is to protect all employees, pupils and visitors to the school from exposure to second hand smoke and therefore to ensure that all our premises and vehicles are smoke free and that all children and employees have a right to work in a smoke free environment. St Andrew's CE Primary School also aims to demonstrate the school's commitment to promoting the health of pupils and staff and to provide information and advice for those who wish to stop smoking.

### RESTRICTIONS ON SMOKING

School Premises and Grounds are classed as from both entrances and all areas within

- All staff – teaching, support and peripatetic, may not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds.
- Pupils may not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds or while engaged in school related activities outside the school.
- Parents may not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds.
- Parents assisting on school activities and educational visits are subject to the same smoke free policy as staff.
- The smoke free policy applies to all visitors to the school, for example parents, suppliers, supply or temporary staff, contractors, sports coaches etc.
- School related activities - The prohibition of smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes will apply during related school activities undertaken outside school premises, eg educational visits.
- School premises outside normal working hours - When school premises are used for purposes other than school related activities the school smoke free policy remains in operation.

### Procedures

- If staff are found smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes on school premises and grounds or during school related activities they will be subject to the school's disciplinary procedures.
- If parents or visitors are found smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes on school premises or grounds, they will be asked to stop and required to leave the premises if they fail to comply.

### **Systems of support**

Staff, parents and visitors wishing to stop smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes can seek support and advice from:

- NHS Stop Smoking Services (<http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree>)
- NHS Go Smoke Free - T:0800 169 0169
- Quit – T:0800 002 2200, [www.quit.org.uk](http://www.quit.org.uk)

### **Implementing and monitoring**

- Members of staff will be given an e-copy of this policy, which will become part of their contract of employment.
- Parents will be informed of this policy via the school prospectus, newsletter and website
- School visitors will be informed of this policy via the visitors leaflet.
- Signs and notices will be posted in prominent positions throughout the school premises.

### **Connected Policies**

- PHSME
- Health and Safety

### **Policy Review**

- This policy will be reviewed following any major changes in legislation and/or every three years by Senior Leadership Team.

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