



New City Primary School

Smoke Free School Policy

Policy Creation and Review

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Aims:

New City Primary schools regards itself as a health promoting school. We recognise that staff act as role models for pupils in all aspects of school life, including health promotion, and therefore aim to provide all pupils with consistent messages regarding the dangers of smoking and to provide non-smoking role models, enabling the recognition of 'smoke free' as the norm. We also accept that passive smoking - breathing other people's tobacco smoke - is also potentially fatal and aim to provide a smoke-free environment for the whole school community and any visitors to the school premises.

This anti-smoking policy also applies to the use of electronic cigarettes and vapes. The use of electronic cigarettes is prohibited wherever smoking is prohibited.

Legislation

The Health Act 2006 set out clear parameters for smoking in public places and the Smoke-Free (Premises and Enforcement) Regulations 2006, together with the Smoke-Free (Signs) Regulations 2007 specify how the Act is applied to school premises and signage in schools among other establishments. Since July 2007, smoking has been banned in all enclosed and 'substantially enclosed' public places and workplaces. Regulations require employers (including schools) to put up 'no smoking' signs in a prominent position at every entrance to smoke-free premises. Similarly, signs in vehicles such as school minibuses must be displayed. Along with compliance to legislation, the national education policy requires all schools to promote health living. Good health education is central to reducing the incidence of smoking.

Smoke free environment

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

- Smoking, including e-cigarettes 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 the playgrounds.
- The prohibition of smoking, including e-cigarettes also applies during school related activities undertaken outside of schools premises, e.g. educational visits.
- When school premises are used for purposes other than school related activities, the school smoking policy still remains in place.

- Smoking, including e-cigarettes, at the entrances and exits to the school site will be strongly discouraged.
- The relevant smoke free signage is displayed throughout the school.

Promoting a smoke free lifestyle

Pupils:

The dangers of smoking are explicitly addressed through personal, social, health and economic education (PSHE) lessons. Children are taught about the effects smoking can have on their health and body and that it is illegal to sell cigarettes and tobacco products to children under the age of sixteen. However, we aim for children to refrain from smoking not only because it is against the law, but also because they believe it is an unhealthy and damaging lifestyle choice. We engage children in consideration and discussions about the reasons people may start to smoke, and how they themselves can do if other people encourage them to try smoking. In addition, the children will also discuss the pros and cons of e cigarettes with an emphasis placed on complete abstinence of all smoking products being the healthiest option.

Staff:

Staff members are recognised 'role models' and as such are required not to smoke in sight of students or in the near vicinity of school grounds or buildings. The "near vicinity of school grounds" is defined as no smoking on pathways surrounding school.

Parents/carers:

In line with our 'smoke free environment', parents and carers are not permitted to smoke, including e-cigarettes whilst on the school premises. Clearly worded signs are strategically placed on site to provide reminders of this.

Disciplinary Action:

- 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 or students who breach the smoke free policy will be advised that this could result in disciplinary action. This includes the use of e-cigarettes.
- Breaches of this policy by pupils will result in the involvement of their parents.

- Should parents/carers be found smoking on the school premises, they will be asked, in the first instance, to refrain. If they persist in smoking on school premises, they will be asked to leave the premises and will be contacted by the Head teacher.

Support for Smokers:

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>)
- Smoke free National Helpline on 0300 123 1044 (free)
- GP Surgeries

Monitoring and Evaluation:

A record of any breaches of this policy will be kept and this policy will be reviewed by the PSHE lead and head teacher on a periodic basis in light of the findings of the record.

