



ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NO-SMOKING POLICY

Mission Statement

Everyone at St John of Beverley Catholic Primary School knows we are part of God's family. We share, play and learn together and try to be the best we can be.

Introduction

This policy prohibits smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes or other tobacco products on the School site. Any references to smoking in this policy include all of the above, including 'vaping'

Rationale:

Smoking and second hand smoking has been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory diseases. There is considerable evidence regarding the impact of smoking behaviours on children.

As smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society, as a school we believe 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.

St John of Beverley Catholic Primary School aims to provide a safe working and learning environment for both pupils and staff and to this end the whole school supports a no smoking policy which reinforces the messages within the PSHE/Citizenship curriculum and the health initiatives in the wider community.

This policy has obvious links with the Health and Safety Policy, the PSHE/Citizenship Policy and Drug Education Policy, it is also part of standard 1.5 of the NHS minimum requirements.

Aims and Objectives:

1. To provide a no smoking environment both within the school building and grounds that protects the health of the whole school community and visitors to the school.
2. To promote a healthy lifestyle and enable pupils 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 for all children and adults within the school.
3. 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.

The Smoke-Free Environment:

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

1. Smoking 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 playgrounds, school field or car park.
2. Smoking by anyone on a school visit or trip is not permitted.
3. Smoking at the entrances and exits to the school site will be strongly discouraged.
4. A no smoking statement is included in the school's prospectus and staff handbook.
5. The policy applies at holiday times, evenings and week-ends as well as the school day.
6. The School adopts the principles as set out in the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Policy on smoking.

Securing compliance

- The teaching staff and governors should be aware of the damage that cigarette smoking and second hand smoke does to health and of the nature of tobacco addiction.
- Staff and the PSHE co-ordinator will ensure smoking-related topics are adequately incorporated into class teaching for each Key Stage.
- Activities around smoking in schools should complement a community-wide programme of action. Messages should be consistent with and support each other.
- Staff are requested not to smoke in view of pupils during school hours (or just before/after) even if they are not on the school site in order not to portray smoking as acceptable and particularly since they may be viewed as role models by children
- Details of the NHS Stop Smoking Service will be available to those staff who wish to quit smoking.
- A copy of this policy is available to all on our school website. Breaches of this policy by staff will be regarded as gross misconduct.

Parents and adult helpers.

- Parents/adult helpers will be informed of the schools no smoking policy when engaged in any in or out of school event, visit, or attendance.
- Parents will be discouraged from smoking at entrances and exits to the school site whilst delivering or collecting their child to avoid portraying smoking as acceptable to children and young people.

Contractors, visitors and other users of the school site

- Contractors and users of the school site will be informed of the school's no smoking policy during the making of arrangements to carry out work or use the school site.
- Contractors, visitors and users of the school site will be discouraged from smoking at exits and entrances to the school grounds, especially in view of pupils, in order not to undermine the school's no-smoking policy or to portray smoking as acceptable.
- Smoking inside work vehicles on site is not permitted.
- Breaches of the school's no-smoking policy by contractors will be reported to the relevant company via the headteacher.

People wishing to stop smoking will be signposted to:

NHS Smokefree National Helpline on **0300 123 1044**

ASH (Action on Smoking) 0207 404 0242

Monitoring and Review:

The Head Teacher and the governing body are responsible for ensuring that this policy is reviewed by the whole school community on a two-yearly basis. The PSHE/Citizenship Co-ordinator will be responsible for actioning this.

Co-ordinator: S Liversedge

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