

# MAYFIELD SCHOOL



## No - Smoking Policy

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This policy will be reviewed bi-annually or sooner if legislation or best practice requires this.

## **Mayfield School - NO SMOKING PROCEDURE**

From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015, no smoking includes also the use of E-cigarettes - officially named electronic cigarettes - as well as **ALL** tobacco related products.)

As it is a legal requirement, no smoking shall be permitted anywhere on the school property at any time. This policy will be reviewed in the event of a change in relevant legislation. The following policy and guidelines co-ordinated by the Head Teacher in consultation with the Governing Body forms a stand-alone policy for No smoking at Mayfield School.

It will be known to all staff, teaching and support staff, pupils and to any new employees. All visitors including parents will be made aware of the No Smoking Policy.

The enforcement of this total smoking ban will be the responsibility of all designated responsible persons within the school. The school's disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the smoking ban at work. Employees who raise genuine concerns about breaches of this policy will be protected from victimisation.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises. There will be **NO** designated smoking areas provided within the school premises

The smoking policy will apply to all activities held in the school including before and after school sessions and any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meetings/events.

Employees should avoid being seen smoking in public during the school day in sight of pupils, parents and visitors in order to reinforce a comprehensive approach.

Non-compliance by pupils will be dealt with in conjunction with the school's disciplinary procedure and overall Behaviour Policy.

The staff of this school wish to provide a smoke free environment for all young people as they are very aware that children exposed to passive smoking are more prone to chest illnesses than other children.

### **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 - is also potentially fatal. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non smokers.
- Smoking is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school: staff and parents.
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air, and non-smokers are in the majority.
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society.
- Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school.

It is a legal requirement that Mayfield School will be a totally smoke-free school. The school has a wealth of resources to draw on. (Science, Health Education and PSHE resources are sometimes class based, year group shared or whole school shared).

## **PURPOSE**

The document will:

- Provide a point of reference for future discussion and development
- Offer guidance to staff in their approach to raising awareness of the health risks of smoking
- Contain information for other interested parties, eg parents, governors, advisory colleagues and inspectors.
- Encourage and promote a whole team response which reflects the common practice amongst all staff towards a healthy smoke free environment.

## **AIMS**

At Mayfield School we aim to encourage children to respect themselves and others and to make healthy choices. We aim through relevant themes and topics to ensure that our children and young people, because of their young age and levels of understanding, are provided with opportunities;

- To know that all substances can be harmful if not used properly.
- To know how the body works and ways of looking after the body.
- To be aware of the school policy relating to drugs and medicines.
- To foster good relationships and habits.
- To help them to develop positive attitudes to good health.
- To answer their questions in a simple but factual way as any good parent might
- To voice their concerns in the knowledge that they will be taken seriously and matters dealt with appropriately.

## **VISITORS**

The smoking policy applies to **all** visitors to the school - for example, parents, suppliers, supply or temporary staff, and contractors. The following arrangements have been made for informing visitors of the policy's existence: Signs are displayed outside the school to indicate that smoking is not permitted. From time to time visiting specialists come into school to raise the children's awareness. (Community Police Officers, Nurses, LA Advisory staff).

- Clearly worded signs will be sited to announce the policy.
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.
- Letters will be sent home to parents.
- The local education authority will be informed

**VEHICLES** - From 1 October 2015 it will be illegal to smoke in a car (or other vehicles) with anyone under 18 present.

The smoking ban will apply to all school owned/hired/leased vehicles. No-one will be allowed to smoke inside any school owned/hired/leased vehicles.

Employees are asked to refrain from smoking in their own vehicles, when used on school business and when carrying passengers.