



ASTON ON TRENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

NO SMOKING POLICY

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This policy has been impact assessed in the light of all other
school policies, including the Disability Equality Scheme.

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INTRODUCTION

Research shows that almost a quarter of all young people are regular smokers by the age of 15. Almost all adult smokers took up the habit when they were children. It is estimated that 450 children a day take up the habit. The medical profession regards smoking as the major cause of many illnesses. It is estimated that approximately 114,000 smokers a year die in the UK because of their smoking habit. People can be harmed by second-hand smoke i.e. by inhaling smoke from other people's cigarettes.

This school acknowledges that smoking and breathing other people's tobacco smoke is both a public health hazard and a health issue and therefore has decided to protect both pupils and staff from the harmful effects of smoke.

This Policy has been devised in full consultation with children/young people, staff, parents/carers and governors.

THIS POLICY AIMS TO:

- Provide an environment where good health is promoted for all.
- Highlight to all who use this school site that it is a smoke free environment.
- Enable the school to tackle smoking-related issues.
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke and reinforce the school's health education programme.
- Satisfy Section 2(2)(e) of the Health and Safety at Work Etc. Act 1974, which places a duty on employers to provide a working environment for employees that is '*safe without risks to health, and adequate as regards facilities and arrangements for their welfare at work*'.
- Comply with the smoke free legislation under the Health Act 2006, which from the 1st July 2007, places a duty on '*any person who controls or is concerned in the management of smoke-free premises*' i.e. the Headteacher, to ensure compulsory signage is displayed in the required places and smoking is prevented in all 'enclosed' or 'substantially enclosed' premises.

1.0 School Environment

- 1.1 The school site is an entirely smoke free environment. Smoking is not permitted on the school grounds or in the school buildings including toilets, corridors, staff room, car park and playing field.
- 1.2 This policy applies to staff, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors when they are on the school site.
- 1.3 Signage will be put up to remind all visitors of the school's smoke free policy.

- 1.4 Smoking signs are prominently displayed around the school grounds reflecting the school's stance to smoking on site. Compulsory signage will be displayed as required by the Health Act.
- 1.5 Smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted anywhere in the school grounds or buildings at any time. This includes school events held outside normal school hours.
- 1.6 Organisations and clubs who use the school premises outside of school hours are expected to adhere to the school's No Smoking Policy.

SECURING COMPLIANCE

2.0 Staff

- 2.1 The teaching staff and governors must have a clear and detailed understanding of the damage that cigarette smoking and second hand smoke does to health and are also aware of the nature of tobacco addiction.
- 2.2 Staff and the PSHEE Co-ordinator will ensure smoking-related topics are adequately incorporated into class teaching.
- 2.3 Staff are not permitted to smoke or use a vaping device anywhere on the school site.
- 2.4 Staff will not smoke or use a vaping device in front of pupils during educational visits.
- 2.5 Details of the NHS Stop Smoking Service will be available to those staff who wish to quit. Details and leaflets offering support will be available in the staff room, on school notice boards and from the school nurse.
- 2.6 All staff will be provided with a copy of the policy and new staff will be alerted to the existence of the smoke free environment at interview.
- 2.7 Breaches of this policy will be subject to the normal disciplinary procedures.

3.0 Parents and Adult Helpers

- 3.1 Parent/adult helpers will be reminded annually that the school site is a smoke free environment.
- 3.2 Parent/adult helpers are not permitted to smoke or use a vaping device anywhere on the school grounds.
- 3.3 Parents will be discouraged from smoking or using a vaping device at entrances and exits to the school site whilst collecting their child.
- 3.4 Parent/adult helpers will be asked to refrain from smoking or use a vaping device when assisting on any school trips/events.

4.0 Contractors, Visitors and Other Users of the School Site

- 4.1 All contractors, visitors and users of the school site must be informed of the school's No Smoking Policy on signing in at reception and are not permitted to smoke or use a vaping device anywhere on the school site
- 4.2 Contractors, visitors and users of the school site should be discouraged from smoking at exits and entrances to the school grounds, especially in view of pupils.
- 4.3 Smoking inside work vehicles on site is not permitted.
- 4.4 Breaches of the school's No Smoking Policy by contractors should be reported to the relevant company via the Headteacher.

E-cigarettes are also prohibited by this policy.

Smoking among adults on school premises, or by teachers during school hours, reinforce the idea that smoking is a normal adult activity and undermines strict prohibition among pupils.

5.0 Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

- 5.1 The governors and leadership team will ensure that all staff take responsibility for implementing and regularly monitor pupils, staff and other adults using the school site to ensure compliance. Overall responsibility for this policy ultimately rests with the Headteacher.
- 5.2 From 1st July 2007, legislation places the responsibility on *'any person who controls or is concerned in the management of smoke-free premises'* i.e. Headteacher to ensure that compulsory signage is displayed in adequate places and smoking in all 'enclosed' and 'substantially enclosed' premises is prevented.
- 5.3 The Headteacher and Leadership Team will review and monitor the PSHE curriculum to ensure it is providing education on the dangers of smoking and second hand smoke, preferably emphasising the benefits of not smoking.
- 5.4 The school acknowledges that smoking is an addiction and will ensure that adequate support will be made available to those who want to quit through the school nurse.
- 5.5 The Governing Body will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.
- 5.6 This policy is available to view on request and a copy is displayed on the staff notice board.

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