

Smoke Free Policy

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This policy has been informed by the UK School Smoking Policy and is denoted as good practice.

Responsibilities

Both Newtons Walk and The Kingsmead School are health promoting schools and recognise that our staff act as role models for pupils in all aspects of school life, including health promotion.

We acknowledge that smoking and passive smoking are both a public health hazard and a welfare issue. Therefore, we wish to move towards an agreed smoking policy.

Rationale:

- Following legislation in 2007 all public buildings are non smoking and Derby City council operates a No Smoking Policy in all its buildings and premises
- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society.
- Passive smoking – breathing in 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, parents and pupils
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society.
- Children and young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within school

Objectives:

- To protect non smokers from the adverse health effects of environmental tobacco smoke in the workplace
- To demonstrate the schools commitment to promoting the health of pupils and staff
- To provide information and advice for those who wish to stop smoking or reduce their tobacco intake

Restrictions on Smoking:

Staff - No member of staff is permitted to smoke while on school premises or whilst engaged in school related activities and in the presence of young

people. Staff are also requested to ensure that they do not smoke within close proximity to the school or site entrance and that they refrain from smoking in the view of pupils. Staff should not do anything that might promote smoking as an acceptable activity for pupils. Any member of staff found to be engaged in any of the above activities will be subject to disciplinary procedures.

Pupils – No pupil should be smoking whilst on school premises or while engaged in school related activities.

Pupils will be actively encouraged not to smoke and appropriate sanctions will be put in place where pupils break this important school rule.

A pupil will not be routinely asked to leave site or be banned from school activities for smoking. There are many clear reasons for this but primarily a pupil who is not attending school does not have access to education and this is key to them making good progress; removing young people from site is a safeguarding issue; the impact on community relationships can lead to further difficult situations.

Parents – may not smoke while on school premises. Parents will be informed of the schools policy on smoking during the pupil/parent induction appointment and will be reminded as appropriate in other communications throughout their child's time at school.

Visitors – The smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school – for example parents, suppliers, governors. Visitors will be made aware of the schools policy on smoking through:

- Clearly worded signs well sited to announce the policy
- Reminders about the policy from members of staff where necessary

When school premises are used for purposes other than school related activities the school smoking policy will remain in operation.

Implementation and Monitoring:

- A copy of the policy will be publicised on the school website
- The policy will become part of the contract of employment for all staff
- Parents and pupils will be informed of the policy at induction meetings and reminded as appropriate
- Members of staff will inform school visitors of the policy
- Signs and notices will be posted in prominent positions throughout the school site
- The PSHCE curriculum will be used as a vehicle to inform pupils of the health risks of smoking
- Each Kingsmead School site will ensure that displays are in place and regularly updated which publicise the health risks linked to smoking
- Key Workers will routinely address issues related to smoking and unacceptable behaviour related to smoking through their regular key-worker sessions for Kingsmead Pupils and as appropriate for Newton's Walk pupils.
- Identified staff will be trained in smoking cessation and will with the support of School Health colleagues ensure that access to an appropriate smoking cessation programme is available to all young people and staff who have been referred or may wish to access them.

This policy will be monitored annually by the Executive Head and the Head of Secondary for Kingsmead and Head of Primary for Newtons Walk. The policy will be reviewed, and if appropriate, revised to ensure that it continues to meet the general principles.