

Kempshott Infant School Non Smoking Policy

Smoking is the most preventable cause of ill health and premature death in our society. Second hand smoke is a serious health hazard and there is no safe level of exposure.

As a healthy school we play an active part in promoting healthy lifestyles, including establishing our school as a smoke free school, including manufactured cigarettes, hand-rolled cigarettes, e-cigarettes (vaping), cigars, pipes and herbal cigarettes. The risk of accidents due to fire or risk of injury due to lighted cigarettes needs to be minimised on the school premises.

Purposes

- To establish and maintain a smoke free zone within the boundary of the school grounds.
- To ensure all members of our community realise they have a vital role to play in ensuring that we maintain a smoke free environment.
- To provide an anti-smoking Personal Development Learning Programme of Study within the curriculum.
- To minimise the risk of accidents on the premises caused by lighted cigarettes.
- To reduce litter.
- To prevent children and staff being subjected to second hand smoke.

Guidelines for Adults

These guidelines apply to all adults including teaching staff, support staff, visitors, contractors, parents and community groups.

- There will be no smoking or vaping at any time by any person on the school premises including the building and the grounds. This will be achieved through the active role of staff in ensuring that no smoking or vaping takes place on our school premises or grounds.
- All staff will recognise their responsibilities as role models for children in their care.
- New members of staff will be notified of this policy as they are recruited.
A copy of the policy can be found in the policy folder in **Teachers Pool or from the school office.**
- Staff will ensure that no smoking or vaping takes place on school trips.

Provision for Children

- Children will benefit from an anti-smoking programme delivered through our RHEd and Science curriculum.
- Children will be given age appropriate facts and information with regards to smoking and vaping.
- Children will be helped to come to decisions with regard to smoking and vaping by understanding the notion of choice and the potential effects of their decision. We trust that this will encourage the children to choose not to smoke.
- Children will benefit from receiving their education in a smoke-free environment, and from experiencing positive role models from adults.

Consultation

This policy is a result of consultation with teaching and support staff within the school, and has the approval of the governing body and the support of the parents.

Monitoring

- The policy will be monitored annually by the RHEd Coordinator.
- The delivery of the anti-smoking programme to the children will be monitored by the RHEd and Science Coordinators.

Conclusion

This policy statement will be available to parents and promoted with community groups which may use the school.

At Kempshott Infant School we seek to provide a healthy learning environment, where our children are as well informed and empowered as possible about the damaging effects of smoking and vaping.

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