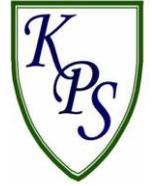




KEXBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL



NO SMOKING POLICY

Introduction

Kexborough Primary School appreciates that SMOKING is harmful to health, and so it strongly discourages its children and adults from smoking. Following the Smoking Ban in 2007, the school building and its surroundings are smoke free. Although outside its authority, the school considers that this also includes the immediate area outside the school entrance and parents are asked to refrain from smoking in this area so as to avoid the 'smoke tunnel' that children may have to walk through.

This policy applies to all forms of smoking including cigarettes, pipes and e-cigarettes.

Aims and Objectives

- Help children know and understand the dangers of smoking, and the harmful effects that smoking can have on their bodies;
- Provide children with the knowledge and information necessary for them to make responsible choices in relation to smoking;
- Equip children with the social skills that enable them to resist the pressure to smoke, either from their peer group, or from society in general.

Reasons to Develop and Adopt a Smoke Free Policy

- To reduce the harm that smoking does to the community by making the school a smoke free environment.
- To reduce the number of children who choose to smoke at some stage in their lives
- To contribute to the further development of a healthy school
- To reduce the health risks and nuisance of passive smoking which could lead to coughs, chest infections and breathing difficulties (which may lead to absences)
- To provide 'signposts' of support for those who do wish to stop smoking
- To reduce smoking even among those members of staff who do not stop

Teaching and Learning

The children will be taught;

- Knowledge of the effects of tobacco on the body which will be delivered through science across the key stages
- Skills to develop and maintain a smoke free lifestyle will be taught and practised through the Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) curriculum using resources such as the Barnsley Scheme of Work, Miss Dorothy.Com and 'Health for Life'. A variety of teaching styles will be used to meet the needs of all learners.

A sensitive approach will be taken when teaching issues related to smoking.

Policy

The parents of pupils who have been caught smoking or handling items associated with smoking will be contacted immediately and appropriate sanctions will be given by the school. Support for pupils to stop smoking and for those children whose parents smoke will be made available through the school's Parents Support Advisor (PSA), school nurse and smoking support agencies.

Smoking is not allowed on the school premises and the school does not present adult smokers as role models. Should any member of **staff or supply staff** be found smoking at school, then this will be considered a serious breach of the terms of employment and formal disciplinary action will be taken.

If there are **parents, volunteers or visitors** found smoking (including e-cigarettes) on the school grounds then they will be politely asked by a member of staff to refrain. If there are further instances of such adults smoking on the school grounds then a letter will be written asking them to cease and support for smoking cessation will be provided. Should this behaviour continue then they will be banned from the premises.

Monitoring and Review

It is the role of the Head to ensure that this policy is fully implemented. Trustees of ECM Trust will approve and review this policy.