



# No Smoking Policy

## School Mission Statement

At Glencraig Integrated Primary School we aspire to maximise the skills and talents of our pupils and staff in a respectful, happy and caring environment, enabling them to become fulfilled and responsible citizens.

Approved by Board of Governors: \_\_\_\_\_

Review Date: 2018

## **Rights Respecting School**

At GlenCraig Integrated Primary School we are a Rights Respecting School and uphold the articles contained in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This policy reflects the caring ethos of the school and focuses more closely on the following articles:-

Article 19 - Every child has the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated

Article 24 - Every child has the right to the best possible health and medical care

## **Policy Statement**

GlenCraig IPS is committed to the active promotion and ultimate achievement of the goal of a smoke free working environment for all its employees consistent with the objective of health protection and promotion within school. This policy affords e-cigarettes the same restrictions as tobacco.

## **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. Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of second hand smoke.
- ❖ Breathing in second hand smoke is a health and safety issue for all adults who work at the school.
- ❖ Everyone has the right to breathe clean air.
- ❖ 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.

## **Objectives**

- ❖ To protect non-smokers from the adverse health effects of environmental tobacco smoke in the work place.
- ❖ To demonstrate the school's commitment to promoting the health of pupils and staff

## **No Smoking Policy**

Smoking is not allowed on the school premises - buildings and grounds.

All staff (teaching, peripatetic, support and non-teaching) as well as visitors (contractors, suppliers, parents or other family members etc.) and pupils may not smoke while on school premises. The prohibition of tobacco or e-cigarette smoking will apply during related school activities undertaken outside school premises Eg. Educational Visits.

Failure of staff to adhere to this policy will be dealt with through the Disciplinary Procedures.

## **Communicating the Policy**

The following arrangements have been made for informing people of the policy's existence:

- ❖ Staff will be informed of the No Smoking Policy as part of induction.
- ❖ Clearly worded signs will be sited to inform visitors that the premises are smoke free.
- ❖ Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.
- ❖ This policy will be included on the school website to inform prospective parents and carers of the No Smoking Policy.

## **Assistance for those who Smoke**

We recognise that smoking is an addictive behaviour. Anyone who wishes to give up should contact the Smokers Helpline on 0808 812 8008