

ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NON-SMOKING POLICY

Mission Statement

Everyone at St John of Beverley RC Primary School knows we are part of God's family. We share, play and learn together and try to be the best we can be.

Rationale:

Smoking and second hand smoking has been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory diseases. There is considerable evidence regarding the impact of smoking behaviours on children.

As smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society, as a school we believe it is our responsibility to promote a no smoking policy and to give everyone the right to breathe clean air and to avoid the dangers of second hand smoke. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models if they are to recognise no smoking as the norm.

St John of Beverley R.C Primary School aims to provide a safe working and learning environment for both pupils and staff and to this end the whole school supports a no smoking policy which reinforces the messages within the PSHE/Citizenship curriculum and the health initiatives in the wider community.

This policy has obvious links with the Health and Safety Policy, the PSHE/Citizenship Policy and Drug Education Policy, it is also part of standard 1.5 of the NHS minimum requirements.

For the purposes of this policy electronic cigarettes which are currently not licensed and not regulated by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), will be regarded in the same way as cigarettes.

Aims and Objectives:

1. To provide a no smoking environment both within the school building and grounds that protects the health of the whole school community and visitors to the school.
2. To promote a healthy lifestyle and enable pupils to make responsible healthy choices in relation to smoking. This is reflected within the school's PSHE and science curriculum and by providing excellent role models for all children and adults within the school.
3. To set the example of a health promoting smoke-free environment to the whole school and wider community in line with government guidance and local priorities to reduce the prevalence of smoking and the associated risks.

The Smoke-Free Environment:

The following statements apply to all staff, pupils and visitors to the school e.g. parents, visiting suppliers, temporary staff, contractors and governors.

1. Smoking is not permitted in any part of the school site at any time.
This includes all school buildings and the outside areas of the school including playgrounds, school field or car park.
2. Smoking by anyone on a school visit or trip is not permitted.
3. Smoking at the entrances and exits to the school site will be strongly discouraged.
4. A no smoking statement is included in the school's prospectus and staff handbook.
5. The policy applies at holiday times, evenings and week-ends as well as the school day.
6. The School adopts the principles as set out in the East Riding of Yorkshire Council Policy on smoking.

Dissemination and Implementation:

The contents of this policy are made explicit to all staff and visitors. The policy will be brought to the attention of all new staff applying for a post at this school.

The day to day implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the whole school community and everybody has a duty to respond to breaches of the policy. Ultimately the Head Teacher will be responsible for dealing with reported incidents of breaches to this policy and has at their disposal a range of responses in managing such incidents. (Please refer to disciplinary procedures.)

People wishing to stop smoking will be signposted to:

NHS Smoking Helpline 0800 022 4332

ASH (Action on Smoking) 020 7739 5902

Monitoring and Review:

The Head Teacher and the governing body are responsible for ensuring that this policy is reviewed by the whole school community on a two-yearly basis. The PSHE/Citizenship Co-ordinator will be responsible for actioning this.

Co-ordinator: S Liversedge

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