

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

## No Smoking Policy



### Mission Statement

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At St Joseph's we welcome all as members of our school family.

We learn and care for each other as brothers and sisters; enriched by the teachings of Jesus.

We encourage Creativity; valuing our unique talents and skills as gifts from God.

Working alongside pupils and parents/carers, we can all succeed and realise great things.

Serving the communities within the Parish of St Joseph's and St Francis and beyond, we reach out to all.

We respect each other, our different cultures and faiths celebrating our richness and diversity.

Through worship and prayer we show our love; striving to achieve our very best.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Behaviour, Child Protection, Health and Safety and Drugs Education policies

**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 Joseph's 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.

**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.

**Educational Approach:**

Issues related to smoking, second-hand smoke and the associated risks are covered within the PSHE and Science curriculum

**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 playground or car parks.

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 will be included in the school's prospectus and staff handbook.
5. The relevant signage is displayed around school.

### **Staff who wish to smoke during the school day:**

The governors of St Joseph's recognise that there may be employees who smoke.

Any staff wishing to smoke must go "off site" to do so but they must not be in view of the pupils. They may not smoke in any area of the school or grounds; including the car park and entrance to the school.

Wherever staff smoke, they are responsible for being considerate of others and disposing of their litter appropriately at all times.

### **Dissemination and Implementation:**

The contents of this policy are made explicit to all staff and visitors. 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.

Breaches of this policy by pupils will result in the involvement of their parents.

All reported breaches of this policy will be recorded using 'Record of incident involving unauthorised drug' – Appendix 11, Drugs: Guidance for Schools, DfES 2004.

### **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.

\*Includes vaping and using electronic cigarettes.