

RAMSEY MANOR LOWER SCHOOL
SMOKEFREE POLICY

Ramsey Manor Lower School is committed to safeguarding children and providing a safe, secure and healthy environment for them.

Ramsey Manor Lower School is a Values Education School. Our Values underpin everything we do.

STATUS: STATUTORY

DATE ADOPTED: February 2010

Policy agreed by staff: RS date: March 2015

Policy agreed by Governors: JS date: March 2015

Date of next review: March 2023

Purpose

This policy has been developed to protect all pupils, employees and visitors from exposure to secondhand smoke and to assist in providing our children with appropriate role modelling and compliance with our Healthy School status and the Health Act 2006.

Exposure to secondhand smoke increases the risk of lung cancer, heart disease and other serious illnesses. Ventilation or separating smokers and non-smokers within the same airspace does not completely stop potentially dangerous exposure.

Policy

It is the policy of Ramsey Manor Lower School that all members of our school community have a right to work in a smokefree environment. Smoking is prohibited on our premises, indoors and outdoors. This policy applies to all employees, parents, contractors and visitors to our school.

Implementation

Overall responsibility for policy implementation rests with the Headteacher. However, all staff are obliged to adhere to and support the implementation of the policy. All existing employees are aware of the policy and parents will be made aware of it through the school prospectus. All new personnel will be given a copy of it on induction.

Appropriate 'no-smoking' signs are clearly displayed at the entrance to and within the premises.

Non-compliance

Local disciplinary procedures will be followed if a member of staff does not comply with this policy. Visitors who do not comply with our smokefree policy will be asked to leave the premises. Those who do not comply with the smokefree law may also be liable to a fixed penalty fine and possible criminal prosecution.

Help to stop smoking

The NHS offers a range of free services to help smokers give up. Visit gosmokefree.co.uk or call the NHS Smoking Helpline on 08001690169 for details. Alternatively you can text 'GIVE UP' and your full postcode to 88088 to find your local NHS Stop Smoking Service.