



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
NO SMOKING POLICY

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ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE

HEADTEACHER

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Introduction

The no smoking policy at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Primary School forms part of our Safeguarding Policy Portfolio, and should be read in conjunction with our Drugs and Alcohol Policy. This policy applies to all employees, visitors, contractors and parents / carers

Our smoking policy applies to all tobacco products and e-cigarettes.

Aim:

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Primary regards itself as a health-promoting organisation. We adhere to the national smoking legislation that came into effect on 1 July 2007.

We agree that all our staff and students have the right to work and learn in a smoke free environment. We recognise that members of staff act as role models for pupils in all aspects of school life, including health promotion. In light of the evidence that smoking and passive smoking cause damage to health, this policy has been implemented to:

- Protect the pupils, staff and any visitors from the effects of tobacco smoke;
- Acknowledge the educational role of the school in discouraging children and young people from starting to smoke;
- Help smokers to quit.

Rationale:

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society;
- Passive smoking has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as other illnesses, in non-smokers. Children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of second-hand smoke;
- Everyone has the right to breathe in clean air;
- Schools play a major role in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm for society as a whole;
- Children need to receive constant and consistent messages about the hazards of smoking and the benefits of non-smoking.

Staff:

Members of staff are recognised as role-models, and as such are required not to smoke in view of the pupils. This restriction applies on residential and school trips, and applies to teaching and non-teaching staff.

No Smoking Policy:

The school enforces a strict non-smoking policy within school grounds and close proximity to the school grounds, implemented with regards to staff, parents and visitors (including contractors, suppliers, and supply staff).

Communicating the policy:

The following arrangements have been made for informing people of this Policy's existence:

- Members of staff are informed of the school's policy upon recruitment;
- Clearly worded signs are posted around the school building;
- Information is included in the school's prospectus and on the school website to inform prospective parents of the No Smoking Policy