

Andrews' Endowed Church of England Primary School

NO SMOKING and VAPING POLICY

Policy Reviewed: January 2024



Smoking and/or the use of E-Cigarettes anywhere on the school site is strictly prohibited.

Throughout this policy, the term 'smoking' is deemed to include the use of E-Cigarettes.

1. 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 nonsmokers.
- Smoking and vaping is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school: staff and parents.
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air, and non-smokers are in the majority.
- 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.
- It is a legal requirement that we are a totally smoke-free school.
- The school has a wealth of resources to draw on.

Purpose

The policy seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- To maintain a smoke free zone within the boundary of the school grounds
- To protect children and adults from the harmful effects of cigarette smoke
- To ensure all members of our community realise they have a vital role to play in ensuring that we maintain a smoke free environment
- To ensure staff recognise their responsibilities as role models for children in their care
- To provide an anti-smoking Personal, Social, Health Education Programme of Study within the curriculum
- To dissuade young people from starting to smoke
- To provide sources of information and advice to help smokers quit for life
- To reduce the risk of fire
- To comply with National Healthy Schools Standards criteria
- To comply with Health and Safety Legislation, Employment Law and the Health Act
- Provide a point of reference for future discussion and development
- To offer guidance to staff in their approach to raising awareness of the health risks of smoking and vaping.

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- As a Church of England School Andrews' Endowed CE Primary School we aim to encourage children to respect themselves and others and to make healthy choices. We aim through relevant themes and topics to ensure that our children, because of their very young age, are provided with opportunities.
- To know that all substances can be harmful if not used properly.
- To know how the body works and ways of looking after the body.
- To be aware of the school policy relating to drugs and medicines.
- To foster good relationships and habits.
- To help them to develop positive attitudes to good health.
- To answer their questions in a simple but factual way as any good parent might
- To voice their concerns in the knowledge that they will be taken seriously and matters dealt with appropriately.

2. Guidelines

- Smoking* is not permitted anywhere within the boundary walls of the school site by any person at any time. (This includes staff, pupils and past pupils, visitors, parents, governors, contractors and other agencies using the site).
- Smoking is not permitted in any vehicles parked on the school site – this includes vehicles used by contractors, deliveries and services, as well as members of the school community.
- Smoking* is not permitted by anyone accompanying pupils on school visits. This includes residential visits.
- Smoking* is not permitted in any vehicles being used on school business.
- This policy applies to all events taking place on the school site, including those at which children are not present.
- We will work with our neighbouring secondary school, Eggars, to help reinforce both schools' no-smoking policies with Eggars' students before and after school.

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Implementation

This policy statement will be issued to all staff and governors, made available to parents and promoted with community groups which may use the school.

This policy is publicised to all in the school community through:

- Signage around the school
- School Prospectus
- School Website
- Staff Handbook
- Events Publicity eg. Summer Fair Programme
- Periodic references in the school Newsletter

As part of their induction, new staff will be made aware of this policy and expected to ensure compliance at all times. The Headteacher will be responsible for signposting staff to sources of help and advice to quit smoking, where required.

Signposting for members of the wider school community to sources of help and advice to quit smoking is available via the School Office and publicised by the Headteacher through the school newsletter. This information is also made available to people as they request it.

Consultation

This policy is the result of consultation with parents, staff and governors via the Healthy Schools Action Team and has the approval of the governing body.

3. Other Relevant Policies

This policy forms part of a series of policies linked to health and safety issues at our school. It should be read in conjunction with the following:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Fire Safety Policy

4. Responsibility for Implementation and Monitoring

Responsibility for implementing, co-ordinating, monitoring and reviewing this policy lies with the Headteacher. Breaches of policy will be dealt with in accordance with LA guidelines.

The delivery of the anti-smoking programme of study to the children will be monitored by the PSHCE and Science Coordinators.