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Introduction

Research shows that almost a quarter of all young people are regular smokers by the age of 15. Almost all adult smokers took up the habit when they were children. It is estimated that 450 children a day take up the habit. The medical profession regard smoking as the major cause of many illnesses. It is estimated that approximately 114,000 smokers a year die in the UK because of their smoking habit. People can be harmed by second-hand smoke, i.e. by inhaling smoke from other people's cigarettes.

This school acknowledges that smoking and breathing other people's tobacco smoke is both a public health hazard and a health issue and therefore has decided to protect both pupils and staff from the harmful effects of smoke by introducing a No Smoking Policy.

This Policy aims to:

- provide an environment where good health is promoted for all
- highlight to all who use this school site that it is a 'smoke free' environment
- enable the school to tackle smoking-related issues
- raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke and reinforce the school's health education programme
- satisfy Section 2(2)(e) of the Health and Safety at Work Etc. Act 1974, which places a duty on employers to provide a working environment for employees that is '*safe, without risks to health, and adequate as regards facilities and arrangements for their welfare at work*'
- comply with the smoke free legislation under the Health Act 2006 which placed a duty on '*any person who controls or is concerned in the management of smoke-free premises*' ie the Head Teacher, to ensure compulsory signage is displayed in the required places and smoking is prevented in all 'enclosed' or 'substantially enclosed' premises
- take account of the needs of those who are addicted to smoking and to offer an avenue of support for those who wish to stop

1.0 School Environment

- 1.1 The school site is an entirely smoke free environment. Smoking and vaping are not permitted on the school grounds or in the school buildings including toilets, corridors, staff rooms, car parks and playing fields.
- 1.2 This policy applies to staff, pupils, parents, visitors and contractors when they are on the school site.

- 1.3 Signage will be put up to remind all visitors of the school's smoke free policy.
- 1.4 Signs are prominently displayed around the school grounds reflecting the school's stance to smoking on site. Compulsory signage will be displayed as required by the Health Act.
- 1.5 Smoking or vaping is not permitted anywhere in the school grounds or buildings at any time. This includes school events held outside normal school hours.
- 1.6 Organisations and clubs who use the school premises outside of school hours are expected to adhere to the school's No Smoking/Vaping Policy.
- 1.7 All transport provided or contracted by the school is smoke free and will display the compulsory signage as required by the Health Act.
- 1.8 Teachers, parent helpers and staff are expected to refrain from smoking on all school trips.

Securing Compliance

2.0 Staff

- 2.1 The teaching staff and governors must have a clear and detailed understanding of the damage that cigarette smoking and second hand smoke does to health and are also aware of the nature of tobacco addiction.
- 2.2 Staff and the PSHE Co-ordinator will ensure smoking-related topics are adequately incorporated into class teaching for each Key Stage.
- 2.3 Activities around smoking in schools should compliment a community-wide programme of action. Messages should be consistent with and support each other.
- 2.4 Staff are not permitted to smoke or vape anywhere on the school site.
- 2.5 Staff will not smoke or vape in front of pupils during educational visits.
- 2.6 Details of the NHS Stop Smoking Service will be available to those staff who wish to quit.
- 2.7 All staff will be provided with a copy of this policy and new staff will be alerted to the existence of the smoke/vape free environment at interview.
- 2.8 Breaches of this policy will be subject to the normal disciplinary procedures.

3.0 Pupils

- 3.1 Schools recognise a duty of care to those pupils who smoke and are committed to assisting them to break the habit.

- 3.2 Help will be made available to those pupils who want advice on how to stop smoking.
- 3.3 If a pupil is caught smoking or vaping they will be told to stop smoking immediately and parents will be called in to discuss the issue with the headteacher.
- 3.4 If a pupil has been caught smoking or vaping information will be provided, giving details of what further support is available.

4.0 Parents and Adult Helpers

- 4.1 Parents/adult helpers will be reminded that the school site is a smoke/vape free environment.
- 4.2 Parent/adult helpers are not permitted to smoke anywhere on the school grounds.
- 4.3 Parents and staff will be discouraged from smoking or vaping at entrances and exits to the school site whilst dropping off or collecting their child.
- 4.4 Parents/adult helpers will be asked to refrain from smoking or vaping when assisting on any school trips/events.

5.0 Contractors, Visitors and Other Users of the School Site

- 5.1 All contractors, visitors and users of the school site must be informed of the school's No Smoking/Vaping Policy on signing in at reception and are not permitted to smoke or vape anywhere on the school site.
- 5.2 Adequate signage will act as a reminder.
- 5.3 Contractors, visitors and users of the school site should be discouraged from smoking or vaping at exits and entrances to the school grounds, especially in view of pupils.
- 5.4 Breaches of the school's No Smoking/Vaping Policy by contractors should be reported to the relevant company via the Headteacher.

Smoking or vaping among adults on school premises, or by teachers during school hours, reinforces the idea that smoking is a normal adult activity and undermines strict prohibition among pupils.

6.0 Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

6.1 The governors and leadership team will ensure that all staff take responsibility for implementing and regularly monitor pupils, staff and other adults using the school site to ensure compliance. Overall responsibility for this policy ultimately rests with the Headteacher.

- 6.2 The Headteacher, Leadership team and subject leaders will review and monitor the PSHE curriculum to ensure it is providing education on the dangers of smoking and second hand smoke, emphasising the benefits of not smoking.
- 6.3 The Governing Body will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.
- 6.4 This policy is available to view on request and a copy is displayed on the staff notice board.

7.0 Review

- 7.1 This policy will be reviewed every two years

Useful Links

Wiltshire Stop Smoking	http://www.wiltshirestopsmoking.co.uk/
Wiltshire Trading Standards Service: Tel: 0300 456 0100	http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/businesssupportandadvice/tradingstandards.htm
Stop Smoking Service in Wiltshire	http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/publichealthwilts/stopsmokingservice.htm
NHS – Smokefree	http://smokefree.nhs.uk/