



St. Helen Auckland Community Primary School

Smoke/ Vape free School Policy

Person(s) responsible for implementation and monitoring: Headteacher & Chair of Governors, Being Healthy & Staying Safe Governors Committee.

Other relevant policies: Healthy Schools, Drug & Alcohol Education, Outings, Discipline, School Visitors, Health & Safety.

Introduction

Breathing in other people's tobacco smoke has been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory disease in non-smokers. The Health Act 2006 made enclosed workplaces and public spaces smoke-free from 1st July 2007. County Durham is working to become a smoke-free community where no employee or member of the public is involuntarily exposed to second-hand smoke.

Tackling smoking among young people is one of the major priorities for local health and children's services. Our school could influence the well-being of our local community through our education and policies. We acknowledge that second hand tobacco smoke is a public and workplace health hazard and so have adopted this site policy.

Aims of the Policy

- Support the well-being of every single child and other members of our school community through education, enabling them to make informed lifestyle choices (Every Child Matters agenda).
- Guarantee a healthy working environment for the whole school community, employees, and visitors.
- Guarantee the right of non-smokers to breathe in air free from tobacco smoke.
- Comply with Health & Safety Legislation and Employment Law.
- Raise awareness of the dangers associated with exposure to tobacco smoke.
- Take account of the needs of those who smoke and support those who wish to stop.

Restrictions on Smoking

Smoking/ vaping of any kind, (tobacco or electronic cigarettes) is not permitted anywhere on the premises or grounds (including the sports field, yards, and car park), nor in any of the entrances to these (including all school gateways), at any time, by any person, regardless of their status or their business with our school. Smoking/ vaping of any kind, is not permitted by anyone accompanying pupils on school outings, including staff, leaders, and parents/carers. Smoking/ vaping is not permitted in any vehicles being used on any school business.

Visitors

All visitors, contractors, and deliverers are required to abide by this policy. Staff members are expected to inform people of the policy, but not to enter into confrontation which may put their personal safety at risk.

Support for smokers

Information about local Stop Smoking services is available from school.

Implementation

A Whole School Approach will be used in developing and reviewing this policy. Adequate signage will be displayed and maintained. Tobacco will be dealt with like any other drug – the incident management procedure from our Drug & Alcohol Education Policy will be followed so that staff or pupils who breach the policy will be disciplined appropriately. Anyone breaching the policy will be asked to extinguish their cigarette, and, if necessary, to leave the premises or the outing. The policy will be disseminated to all teaching and support staff, and to new parents and new staff as part of their induction processes.

Monitoring and reviewing

This policy will be reviewed as per the school's policy review cycle to ensure that it continues to meet the aims. Changes to legislation and guidance will be considered during the review process.

Comments related to the maintenance of this policy should be directed to the Headteacher and/or Chair of Governors

Signed _____ Headteacher

Signed _____ Governor representative

Date: September 2021

Review Date(s): September 2022