

Hutton Church of England Grammar School

Policy for a Smokefree school

Aim

To create and sustain a *Smokefree* school.

Purpose

To provide a Smokefree school environment for everyone. This includes the grounds and vehicles on the site.

To protect and improve the health and wellbeing of all children, young people, members of the work force, visitors and contractors.

Definitions of Tobacco Products and E-cigarettes

To ensure the school is smoke free all tobaccos and e-cigarettes should not be brought onto the site by students or used by all children, young people, members of the work force, visitors and contractors.

Tobacco products include legal cigarettes and tobacco, illegal cigarettes and tobacco along with niche products such as shisha; nass; pan; gutkha; bootlegged or are counterfeit; e-cigarettes.

E-cigarettes are battery operated smoking devices often designed to look and feel like tobacco cigarettes. They use cartridges filled with a liquid which contains nicotine, flavourings and other chemicals. A heating device in the e-cigarette converts the liquid to vapour, which the person inhales.

Scope

The policy applies to all children and young people, members of their families, members of the school workforce (permanent or temporary), volunteers, visitors and contractors. It also applies beyond the site in the case on organised educational visits and fixtures and for students when they are wearing school identification or uniform in the public domain.

Rationale

Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in the UK.

Second Hand Smoke - 'breathing other peoples tobacco smoke' causes at least 1,000 people to die a year. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, heart disease and cause the onset of asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in children. It also leads to over 50 children being admitted to hospital per day. 80% of smokers take up the habit as teenagers with 450 children start smoking every day. (ASH)

The Government's White Paper 'Choosing health - making healthy choices,' identifies plans to place restrictions on smoking within the workplace.

The school under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) has a duty of care to provide a healthy work environment.

Everyone has the right to a smoke-free environment.

Schools have a major role to play in health education and prevention.

Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school. It has been shown that the biggest factor affecting youth smoking is prevalence of adult smoking and young people's exposure to seeing smoking. (ASH, 2004)

Restrictions on smoking within the workplace

Smoking **will NOT** be permitted in any part of the school's premises, including kitchens, within the entrance area to the school or on land adjacent to the school building (car park, garden areas, walkway etc) where this forms part of the school premises.

The enforcement of this **total smoking ban** will be the responsibility of all designated responsible persons within the school. The school's disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the smoking ban at work. Employees who raise genuine concerns about breaches of this policy will be protected by victimisation.

This policy applies to employees, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the school's premises or vehicles. This policy will be clearly advertised and visitors to the school will be informed of it.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises.

Students should not smoke in close proximity to the school when wearing uniform or identification.

The smoking policy will apply to all activities organised/held in the school including before and after school sessions and any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meeting/events. The policy also applies to all organised off-site educational visits and fixtures.

Employees should avoid being seen smoking in public in sight of pupils, parents and visitors in order to reinforce a comprehensive approach.

Non-compliance by students will be dealt with in agreement of the school's Behaviour Policy.

Non-compliance by members of the workforce will be dealt with in agreement with the school's disciplinary procedures.

School will work with contractors, visitors and families to implement school policy

Designated smoking areas

There will be **NO** designated smoking areas provided within the school premises. This policy is in line with the Roy Castle Area Air Gold Award and National Clean Air Award Scheme, together with the Chorley and South Ribble NHS Primary Care Trust and the National Healthy Schools standard in South Ribble Schools.

Facilities for Smokers

No facilities for smoking in the workplace will be provided although support will be given to smokers to assist them to stop smoking. (see Support and Signposting).

Vehicles

The smoking ban will apply to all school owned/hired/leased vehicles. **No-one** will be allowed to smoke inside any school owned/hired/leased vehicles.

Employees are asked to refrain from smoking in their own vehicles, when used on school business and when carrying passengers.

Support and Signposting

The school will support students/employees in school wishing to give up smoking by advertising and promoting external smoking cessation services and through regular health promotion activities, including the local Stop Smoking Service.

North Lancashire 01524 845145

Central, East and West Lancashire 0800328 6297

The school nurse service and Addaction can be signposted for students

Education and Policy Development

Suitable posters and No Smoking Signs will be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a Smokefree working environment.

The policy should be available to all parties and referenced at all induction sessions (new students, workforce members, governors and prospective families).

All parties should understand the legal status and impact on health and know their roles and responsibilities.

All parties should feel ownership and commitment to the policy.

New Buildings

This policy will apply equally to all future premises at the design stage of any new building, and refurbishment or relocation project.

Appointments

This school is a No Smoking school and this should be made clear within all its appointments procedures, staff handbooks and school prospectus.

Links**Health and Safety**

The above policy on smoking at work forms part of the school's Health and Safety Policy arrangements.

Healthy Schools

The policy was developed in line with recommended good practice from the Healthy Schools initiative.

Drug Education

Cigarettes contain tobacco which is a drug thus linking the School's Smokefree Policy to drug education and opportunities within the DFES guidance.

Council Policy

This Smoking Policy also falls in line with recommendations by the Education and Culture Department.

Monitoring and Review

This will be reviewed after one year, and thereafter every three years or in the introduction of new legislation, whichever is the former. This policy was reviewed and adopted by the Governing Body at its full meeting in the Spring Term 2016.

For further information

If you require any further information, require a copy of the policy or have any comments about the Smoking Policy contact your local lead within the School:

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