

Wallsend Jubilee Primary School Smoking and Vaping Policy

Rationale

Cigarette smoking is the single most preventable cause of death and diseases in the UK. The risk of accidents due to fire, or the fact that the lighted cigarettes are often held at the height of eye level for many of our small children, needs to be minimized on the premises. Within our school we understand the importance of providing children with the correct information about health and health issues; to enable them to make informed choices within their lives. We believe in the importance of providing positive role models and ensuring that the school is a safe, smoke-free environment for staff, children and members of the community.

Purpose

To develop knowledge and understanding, of all pupils, concerning smoking and vaping and its effects, through the formal curriculum and assemblies.

To highlight to visitors the concerns the governors have with regard to smoking and e-cigarettes.

To minimise the risk of fire and accidents on the premises caused by lighted cigarettes.

To provide positive role models for pupils.

Consultation

All staff, the PSHE governors and Key Stage 2 children were consulted in the formulation of this policy.

Our Role

1. Staff will endeavour to take every opportunity to support children's understanding and provide correct information about the effects of smoking and vaping, on oneself and others.

2. A range of health promotion and smoking /vaping resources will be available to support the curriculum e.g. The British Heart Foundation.

3. There will be no smoking at all, at any time, by anyone on the school premises, including the building and grounds defined by the perimeter fence surrounding the premises.

4. There will be no use of e-cigarettes at all, at any time, by anyone on the school premises, including the building and grounds defined by the perimeter fence surrounding the premises.

No-smoking signs will be displayed throughout the school buildings, foyers and grounds.

5. Information about stopping smoking and vaping will be available for parents and staff.

6. Adults accompanying children on school visits to be made aware that smoking or vaping is not permitted at any time.

Implementation

The Head teacher, PSHE coordinators, Health and Safety Officer and also our Well Being governor will have the responsibility to ensure that this policy and it's guidelines are

complied to.

This policy will be regularly monitored and reinforced to ensure that all people visiting and working on the school site adhere to the guidelines. All staff will be made aware of this policy through the staff handbook and the policy will be disseminated to new staff following their appointment. New pupils and parents will be informed of our non-smoking policy on arrival at the school.

Breaches of Policy

It is the responsibility of all staff to enforce the policy. If a member of staff witnesses a breach of the policy they should politely ask the person to refrain from smoking or vaping. Children are required to learn of the health risks associated with smoking and to understand that smoking or vaping is not allowed within our school. Any further breaches should be brought to the attention of the Head teacher, who will issue a letter. Staff and pupils that breach the No Smoking and Vaping Policy will be disciplined appropriately.

Support for Smokers

The school recognises that some may find it difficult to adhere to the policy and will provide support and information to smokers if they would like it. Advice and support may be sought through Occupational Health (North Tyneside Council) or by contacting Newcastle and North Tyneside Stop Smoking Service on 0191 229 2911.

Conclusion

The health and well-being of our pupils and staff is of paramount importance. It is anticipated that through a sound program of health and citizenship education; the offering of a smoke free environment and positive role models, we can support pupils to make informed choices within their lives.

Date policy implemented: January 2025

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Well Being Governor: