

Porthcawl Primary School

No Smoking Policy

Rationale

Smoking and second hand smoking has been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory diseases. There is considerable evidence regarding the impact of smoking behaviours on children. For the purposes of this policy, vaping is considered as smoking.

As smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society, as a school we believe it is our responsibility to promote a no smoking policy and to give everyone the right to breathe clean air and to avoid the dangers of second hand smoke. Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models if they are to recognise no smoking as the norm.

Porthcawl Primary School aims to provide a safe working and learning environment for both pupils and staff. The whole school supports a no smoking policy which reinforces the messages within the Personal & Social Education (PSE) curriculum and the health initiatives in the wider community.

Policy Links

This policy has obvious links with the Health and Safety Policy, the PSE Curriculum and it is also part of standard 1.5 of the NHSS minimum requirements.

Aims and Objectives:

- To provide a no smoking environment both within the school building and grounds that protects the health of the whole school community and visitors to the school.
- To provide clear signage in and around the school promoting a smoke free environment.

- To promote a healthy lifestyle and enable pupils to make responsible healthy choices in relation to smoking. This is reflected within the school's PSE coverage and by providing excellent role models for all children and adults within the school.
- To set the example of a health promoting smoke-free environment to the whole school and wider community in line with government guidance and local priorities to reduce the prevalence of smoking and the associated risks.

Educational Approach

Issues related to smoking, second-hand smoke and the associated risks are covered within the curriculum. Pupils are made aware of the hazards of smoking through informal discussions and classroom related activities.

The Smoke-Free Environment

The following statements apply to all staff, pupils and visitors to the school e.g. parents, visiting suppliers, temporary staff, contractors and governors.

1. Smoking is not permitted in any part of the school site at any time. This includes all school buildings and the outside areas of the school including playgrounds, classroom entrances or car parks.
2. Smoking by anyone on a school visit or trip is not permitted.
3. Smoking at the entrances and exits to the school site will be strongly discouraged.
4. A no smoking statement will be included in the school's prospectus and staff handbook.
5. The relevant signage is displayed around school.
6. The smoking of e-cigarettes is also not permitted in any of the above situations.

Dissemination and Implementation

The contents of this policy are made explicit to all staff and visitors. The day to day implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the whole school community and everybody has a duty to respond to breaches of the policy. Ultimately the Head Teacher as Premises Responsible Person (PSP) will be responsible for dealing with reported incidents of breaches to this policy and has at their disposal a range of responses in managing such incidents. Staff/parents/carers wishing to stop smoking will be signposted to their local GP service or the school nurse.

Monitoring and Review:

Date	Review Date	Chair of Governors

Headteacher:		Date:	
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