



MICKLEOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Name of Policy: Smoke Free Policy

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Member of Staff responsible: Mrs Anna Jones

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Signature: _____ **Chair of Governors**

Date Approved: _____

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Smoke Free Policy

RESPONSIBILITIES

Mickleover Primary School regards itself as a health-promoting school. It recognises that staff act as role-models for pupils in all aspects of school life including health promotion.

Second hand smoking-breathing in other people's smoke, has now been shown to cause lung cancer and heart disease in non-smokers, as well as many other illnesses and minor conditions.

This school acknowledges that breathing in other people's tobacco smoke is both a public health hazard and welfare issue.

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill-health in our society.
- Passive smoking is also potentially fatal. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, as well as many other illnesses, in non-smokers.
- Smoking is a health and safety issue for all adults who use the school: staff and parents.
- Everyone has the right to breathe clean air, and non-smokers are in the majority.
- Schools have a major role to play in working towards non-smoking being seen as the norm in society.
- Children need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school.

It is also noted that electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) mimic the effects of real cigarettes. Experts say it is not yet known what harm the tobacco-free devices could inflict and that their contents could be damaging young people's health.

AIMS

- To protect non-smokers from the adverse health effects of environmental tobacco smoke in the workplace.
- To demonstrate the school's commitment to promoting the health of pupils and staff.
- To provide information and advice for those who wish to stop smoking.

OBJECTIVES

To prohibit smoking in all areas of the school premises – including buildings and grounds.

STAFF

All staff – teaching, support and peripatetic, may not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds.

PARENTS

Parents may not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds.

VISITORS

The smoking policy applies to all visitors to the school –for example, parents, suppliers, supply or temporary staff, sports coaches and contractors. The following arrangements have been made for informing visitors of the policy's existence.



- Clearly worded signs sited to announce the policy.
- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy where necessary.

SCHOOL RELATED ACTIVITIES:

The prohibition of smoking will apply during related activities undertaken outside school premises, e.g. Educational Visits.

School premises utilised outside normal working hours:

When school premises are used for purposes other than school related activities the school smoking policy will still remain in operation.

PROCEDURES:

- Any one found in breach of this policy will be directed to it and asked to abide by it.
- Should they fail to comply they will be asked to leave the school premises.
- Parents assisting on school activities and educational visits are subject to the same no smoking policy as staff.

Systems of support

Staff, parents and visitors wishing to stop smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes can seek support and advice from:

NHS Stop Smoking Services (<http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree>)

GP Surgeries

Implementing and monitoring

Members of staff will be given an e-copy of this policy, which will become part of their contract of employment.

Parents will be informed of the policy.

Members of staff will inform school visitors of the policy.

Signs and notices will be posted in prominent positions throughout the school premises.

E-cigarettes

The smoke free regulations in the Health Act do not include the use of electronic cigarettes or devices. However their sale is prohibited to those under the age of 18 years, as are conventional tobacco products. It is not an offence however for minors to use them. According to experts electronic cigarettes are 95% safer than conventional tobacco products (Public Health England, 2016). There is no current evidence that they pose any significant risk of secondhand harm to others, and there is no evidence that electronic cigarettes and devices are a gateway to smoking among young people. They can be a useful aid for those trying to quit smoking. **However, e-cigarettes are not allowed on the premises as part of our no-smoking policy at Mickleover Primary School.**

Smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes and vaporisers is not permitted anywhere on the extended school site (buildings and grounds) by any person at any time (including staff, pupils, visitors, parents, contractors and other agencies sharing the site) on the school site.

Schools may wish to add to the above statement that 'smoking is not permitted at the school gates or on land immediately outside the school perimeter fence'



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Smoking, including the use of electronic cigarettes and vaporizers, is not permitted by anyone accompanying pupils on school visits.

Smoking or vaping is not permitted in school vehicles, or any vehicles being used on school business.

Smoking and vaping is addressed in the PSHE curriculum to reinforce the smoke free site policy (this is now part of the tobacco education lessons in our PSHE Drugs education scheme of work).

This policy applies at all times across the whole school site; including during school events, evening classes, before and after school activities.