



St. Cuthbert's R.C.
Primary School Hartlepool

No Smoking Policy

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Mission Statement

"Let the light of Christ shine in us all."

Consultation

This policy was developed in consultation with Governors, all Teaching and Support Staff, the School Council, Parents and representatives from the Hartlepool Healthy Schools Programme, the Drug Education Team and the Smoke-Free Hartlepool working group.

Rationale

Smoking and second hand smoking (the breathing in of other people's tobacco smoke) has been shown to cause cancers, heart and respiratory diseases. There is considerable evidence regarding the impact of smoking behaviour on children and young people.

As smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society, we believe as a school it is our responsibility to promote a policy of **NO SMOKING** 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.

St. Cuthbert's R.C. Primary School aims to provide a safe working and learning environment for students, staff and visitors and to this end the whole school supports a **No Smoking** policy which reinforces the messages within the school's Personal, Social and Health Education, and PSHCE programme and the health initiatives in the wider community.

Policy Links

This policy has obvious links with the school's Health and Safety Policy, Drugs Policy, Behaviour Policy and Personal, Social and Health Education, and PSHCE

Aims and Objectives

1. To provide a no smoking environment within the school buildings, grounds and roof area and playing field, that protects the health of the whole school community and visitors to the school.
2. To promote a healthy lifestyle and enable children to make responsible healthy choices in relation to smoking. This is reflected within the school's PSHCE and Science curriculum and by providing excellent role models of all children and adults within the school.

3. 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 school curriculum. The approaches taken are detailed in the school's Drugs Policy, Personal, Social and Health Education, and PSHCE and the Science Curriculum and should be referred to as necessary.

The Smoke-free Environment

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

- a) Smoking tobacco (or Electronic Cigarettes / Vaping) is not permitted in any part of the school site at any time. This includes within all school buildings and the outside areas of the school including the school roof, playgrounds, playing fields and Car Park.
- b) Smoking by anyone on a school visit or external trip is not permitted.
- c) Smoking at the entrances and exits to the school site is **strongly discouraged**.
- d) No smoking signs are prominently displayed throughout the school site.
- e) A no smoking statement is included in the School Prospectus.

Monitoring and Review

The Headteacher and Governing Body are responsible for ensuring that this policy is reviewed as required.