



# Stocksfield Avenue Primary School

## Smoke Free Policy



### Context

Stocksfield Avenue Primary School regards itself as a health promoting school. It recognises that its staff act as role-models for pupils in all aspects of school life, including health promotion. This policy has been written in line with the School's Smoke Free Guidance (Fresh NE 2013).

### Rationale

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in our society. Passive smoking – breathing other people's tobacco smoke – 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.

### Objectives:

- To protect non-smokers from the adverse health effects of environmental tobacco smoke in the workplace.
- To educate staff and pupils in understanding the risks and effects of tobacco use (for further details on curriculum content see the school's Drugs and Alcohol Education Policy).
- To demonstrate the school's commitment to promoting the health of pupils and staff.
- To ensure a consistent whole-school approach when dealing with smoking related incidents.

### Restrictions on smoking:

#### **Staff**

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

#### **Pupils**

Pupils may not smoke tobacco or e-cigarettes while on school premises and grounds or while engaged in school related activities outside the school.

#### **Parents**

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

Parents will be informed of this restriction during the pupil induction process, in intermittent reminders on the newsletter and by being signposted to this policy on the school website.

#### **Visitors**

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

- Staff members will inform visitors of the policy when necessary.

#### **School related activities**

The prohibition of smoking tobacco or e-cigarettes will apply during related school 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

Should staff/pupils be found smoking on the school premises, or whilst engaged in school related activities outside their school grounds, the appropriate disciplinary procedures will be applied. Should parents be found smoking on the school premises, they will be asked, in the first instance, to refrain. If they persist in smoking on school premises, they will be asked to leave the premises and will be contacted by the Head teacher.

## Systems of support

Any pupil found smoking will be referred, with parental consent, to the School Nursing Service for 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>)
- Lifeline Stop Smoking Service Telephone: 0191 2691103
- GP Surgeries

## Implementing and monitoring

- Pupils and parents can view the Policy on the school website.
- Members of staff shall inform school visitors of the Policy when appropriate.

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