

DINNINGTON FIRST SCHOOL NON-SMOKING POLICY STATEMENT

RATIONALE

At Dinnington First School we wish to promote a healthy lifestyle and to help children consider the use and consequence of smoking cigarettes for their health and safety. Children need to be made aware that beginning smoking at a young age can have long and short term effects. At school we will do everything in our power to provide good role models and a healthy environment for the children in our care. We will take part in health-related schemes and activities. We have achieved Gold Smoke Free School Status.

Smoking Statistics

- Every day in Great Britain about 450 children start smoking.
- It is very rare for someone to take up smoking as an adult, the majority of smokers start during adolescence. 95% of smokers started smoking as children.
- Every day over 300 smokers die as a result of their habit.
- Approximately HALF of all smokers will ultimately be KILLED by their habit.
- Tobacco is the only legally available product which, even when used correctly, HARMS the users.
- 20% of women and 32% of men are ex-smokers.
- 67% of current smokers would like to quit.
- Smoking KILLS almost SIX TIMES as many people as road and other accidents, suicide, murder, manslaughter, poisoning, overdoses and HIV put together.

AIMS

- To inform children of the consequences of smoking to enable them to make choices to keep themselves safe and healthy.
- To provide an environment that is safe and healthy for children.
- To present good role models for children.
- To deal effectively with incidents to provide as little disruption as possible to the education of the children. To demonstrate that smoking will be dealt with seriously at all levels.
- The children will be informed of the dangers and risks as well as the reasons why some people choose to smoke, within the curriculum of the school and as the need arises.

Policies referred to or impacted by this policy

- Confidentiality policy
- PSHCE
- Healthy School Award Documentation

GUIDELINES

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school site (buildings and grounds) by any person at any time. Smoking is not permitted by anyone on school visits.

Implementation

The policy will be made public to staff, visitors, pupils and parents. New parents and pupils will be informed by an abbreviated version in the Parent Handbook.

No smoking signs are displayed around the school building and grounds, in accordance with No Smoking legislation.

Curriculum:

The No Smoking Education programme will be planned by each class teacher and delivered accordingly through Science and PSHCE following National Curriculum Guidelines. Learning objectives will be in line with Government and OFSTED recommendations.

The Headteacher and Drugs Education Co-ordinator will advise staff when at all possible and enlist additional support and guidance from the LEA Drug Education advisor, currently Sandra Davison.

The No Smoking programme will be audited every two years by the Drugs Education Co-ordinator, Headteacher and parent governor.

Wider Context: The curriculum will include activities appropriate for the Newcastle Healthy School Award and aid those supporting National events such as National No Smoking Day or European Drugs Prevention week. The curriculum has been amended following consultation with pupils as part of our work towards Gold Smoke Free School Status.

Liaison structure and procedure within pyramid:

Headteacher will liaise with other Headteachers in Gosforth Schools' Pyramid when appropriate. The Drugs Education Co-ordinator will liaise with other Drugs Education Co-ordinators to secure coverage of whole programme throughout Key Stage 2. PSHCE coordinator will attend network meetings.

TRAINING AND RESOURCES

Responsibility for providing Training and Resources:

The Headteacher and Drugs Education Co-ordinator will identify training needs and resources needed, usually following an audit.

Training may be provided 'in house' or identified staff may attend centrally run INSET and then disseminate to all staff.

The budget for drugs training and resources will be identified and held by the Headteacher.

Governors and newly qualified teachers will be included in training and newly-appointed staff will be introduced to policies. It is important for all staff, including supervisory staff, to be included.

Resources

- These will be monitored by the Drugs Education Co-ordinator and Headteacher.
- They will be reviewed periodically for relevance and suitability.
- The Drugs Education Co-ordinator will usually purchase resources which will be held centrally with Science, PSHE and Citizenship resources.

Staff Needs

- All staff will be made aware of the boundaries of their responsibility. Should specific support be required, staff should refer to either the Headteacher or Drugs Education Co-ordinator.
- Their knowledge of smoking issues will be enhanced by training and other sources of information. Internet websites are particularly useful as are Educational resources from the Health Promotion Team and resource books in school.

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MONITORING AND REVIEW

- The drugs teaching programme, resources and training will be monitored and reviewed by the Headteacher, Drugs Education Co-ordinator and parent governor with responsibility for Drugs Education. Class teachers will evaluate their programme of work and modify if required.
- The process will involve meetings between these persons as well as looking at planning and talking with children through the School Council. For older children, a quiz to assess their knowledge and learning may be devised. Parents would be involved via a questionnaire and PTFA meeting.
- Any recommendations for change would be discussed at a full governors' meeting and implemented as soon as possible afterwards.

Community Publicity and Liaison

- Possible links with Education Welfare Office (E.W.O.), Social Worker and any other agency involved.
- The school is keen to work alongside any positive opportunities for publicity/media.
- If there were adverse media enquiries they would be immediately directed to the Headteacher.

Breaches to the policy:

- The Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher needs to be informed immediately should anyone be seen smoking on the school site.
- Pupils will report to the Headteacher's office and parents will be informed.
- Staff can inform an adult found smoking of Dinnington First School's Non-Smoking Policy and/or ask them to speak to the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher.
- Repeated incidences will result in the adult being asked to leave the school grounds.
- Incidents will be logged by the Headteacher or Admin Officer.
- Staff will be informed to heighten awareness.