

St Anne's RC Primary School,
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Smoke Free Policy

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1. Introduction

The Governors of St Anne's school are committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of the children and staff.

Exposure to second-hand smoke, i.e. breathing other people's tobacco smoke, has been medically proven to cause lung cancer and heart disease in non-smokers, as well as many other illnesses and minor conditions.

In its bid to help to protect non-smokers from the effects of exposure to second-hand smoke, the Governors will implement the smoke-free provisions of the Health Act 2006 and its subsequent regulations.

The Governors also wish to promote the positive health of its staff and will therefore, actively encourage and support those who wish to quit smoking.

2. Policy Statement

At St Anne's School we take seriously our duty to promote children's wellbeing and their spiritual, moral, social and cultural development. We see our commitment to creating a smoke free environment and developing children's knowledge, attitudes and skills in decision making around smoking as part of our work on keeping children safe and managing risk.

The school recognises the health risks associated with exposure to second-hand smoke and are committed to:-

- reducing the risks to health from exposure to second-hand smoke;
- recognising a person's rights to be protected from harm and to enjoy smoke free air;
- educating and informing staff and pupils about the benefits of not smoking;
- encouraging and supporting staff who wish to give up smoking.

To fulfil this commitment the school will:-

- ensure that premises and grounds are smoke free;
- provide assistance for staff who wish to stop smoking;
- enforce the no smoking Policy

Any breach of this policy by members of staff will be dealt with in accordance with the disciplinary procedure.

2.1 Implementation

The Head-teacher shall have responsibility for ensuring that all members of staff are made aware of this Policy and associated guidance.

The Trade Union's accredited safety representatives will have access to relevant information concerning this Policy and associated guidance.

3.6 Off site school excursions

This policy applies when children are taken off site on school excursions, visits and trips. Staff and accompanying helpers will be reminded that smoking is not permitted when on duty and looking after children.

3.7 Events at school

The Smoke Free Policy applies to all events and activities held in the School including before and after school sessions, any meetings organised which are attended by school staff as part of their work and or visitors to such meetings and events including events run and managed by The Friends of St Anne's.

3.8 Signs

Suitable statutory no smoking signage will be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a smoke free working environment.

3.9 Responsibilities

- (a) The Head-teacher has responsibility
 - i. to display suitable, statutory no smoking signs in the building and the grounds
 - ii. to ensure that no-one smokes in the premises or the grounds
- (b) Members of Staff are required to comply with this policy and refrain from smoking in school buildings or within school grounds or perimeter walkways.
- (c) If observed, staff are required to remind visitors that smoking is not permitted on the premises or within the school grounds.

3.10 Assistance for Smokers

Assistance will be available to any member of staff who wishes to stop smoking either by the provision of individual counselling and/or participation in a smoking cessation group.

3.11 Further Advice

Further information, advice and support regarding quitting smoking is available from the Occupational Health Unit, County Hall, Matlock.