

Garton on the Wolds CE Primary School
Smokefree School Policy

Aim To create a Smokefree school.

Objectives

The objectives of the policy are:

- To provide a Smokefree school environment for everyone,
- To provide children with a consistent message regarding tobacco and drug use and appropriate role models.

Rationale

- Smoking is the single most preventable cause of premature death and ill health in the UK.
- Second Hand Smoke – ‘breathing other peoples tobacco smoke’ causes at least 1,000 people to die a year. It has been shown to cause lung cancer, heart disease and cause the onset of asthma, chest and ear infections and cot death in children. It also leads to over 50 children being admitted to hospital per day. 80% of smokers take up the habit as teenagers with 450 children starting smoking every day. (ASH)
- The Governments White Paper ‘Choosing health - making healthy choices,’ identifies plans to place restrictions on smoking within the workplace.
- The school under the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974) has a duty of care to provide a healthy work environment.
- Everyone has the right to a smoke-free environment.
- Schools have a major role to play in health education and prevention.
- Young people need to receive consistent messages and require non-smoking role models within the school. It has been shown that the biggest factor affecting youth smoking is prevalence of adult smoking and young people’s exposure to seeing smoking. (ASH, 2004)

Restrictions on smoking within the workplace

Smoking will NOT be permitted in any part of the schools premises, including kitchens, within the entrance area to the school or on land adjacent to the school building (car park, garden areas, walkway etc) where this forms part of the school premises.

The enforcement of this total smoking ban will be the responsibility of all staff. The school’s disciplinary procedure will apply for dealing with employees who breach the smoking ban at work. Employees who raise genuine concerns about breaches of this policy will be protected from victimisation.

This policy applies to employees, parents, visitors, members of the public, contractors and others working or using the schools premises or vehicles.

Staff are authorised to ask non-employees who breach the policy to leave the premises.

The smoking policy will apply to all activities held in the school including before and after school sessions and any meetings organised which are attended by school employees as part of their work and/or visitors to such meeting/events.

Employees should avoid being seen smoking in public in sight of pupils, parents and visitors in order to reinforce a comprehensive approach.

Designated smoking areas

There will be NO designated smoking areas provided within the school premises. This policy is in line with the Roy Castle Area Air Gold Award and National Clean Air Award Scheme promoted by the National Healthy Schools standard.

Facilities for Smokers

No facilities for smoking in the workplace will be provided although support will be given to smokers to assists them to stop smoking.

Vehicles

Employees are asked to refrain from smoking in their own vehicles, when used on school business and when carrying passengers.

Help with smoking cessation

The school will support employees in school wishing to give up smoking by promoting external smoking cessation services and through both regular health promotion activities and specialist advice regarding health. Resources will also be available to educate pupils.

Education and Publicity

Suitable posters and No Smoking Signs will be displayed in school areas to create a positive visual message which supports a Smokefree working environment.

Appointments

This school is a No Smoking school and this should be made clear within all its appointments procedures, staff handbooks and school prospectus.

Links

- **Health and Safety**

The above policy on smoking at work forms part of the school's Health and Safety Policy arrangements.

- **Healthy Schools**

The policy was developed inline with recommended good practice from the Healthy Schools initiative.

- **Drug Education**

Cigarettes contain tobacco which is a drug thus linking the Schools Smokefree Policy to drug education and opportunities within the DFES guidance.

- **Council Policy**

This Smoking Policy also falls in line with recommendations by the Local Education Authority.

Review

This will be reviewed every three years.

Next Review: January 2016